A Word from the Headteacher

Last week it was the turn of our Year 11s to return to school and mark the end of their GCSEs. Again, we wish we could have done more to mark the occasion but we hope it felt special. The resilience shown by our Year 11 students has been nothing short of amazing and I wish them well whether they are returning to Bingley for sixth form or moving on to college or an apprenticeship.

We have reached the end of another academic year massively affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. I am overwhelmed with pride at how our students in all year groups and staff have dealt with this strange and restricting situation. We would like to thank all our students for their commitment to their school work and their resilience during this unprecedented time. We would also like to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support.

My thanks go also to our teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly to provide the best education they can, both in the classroom and virtually. During this testing time I am thankful for our strong community and the support it offers us all.

I hope everyone enjoys their well-earned summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for a fresh start in September.

Mr Weston
We are a Hegarty Maths ‘Super School’!

We have been recognised by Hegarty Maths as a “Super School” by achieving a bronze award in the questions answered category this year, with 754,219 questions answered by our students!

![Hegarty Maths Super School 2020-21]

What does it mean to be a HegartyMaths Super School?

Only a fraction of our 1,900+ schools are awarded “Super School” status. Some schools will receive awards in more than one category.

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Congratulations to all our students who have worked hard on their Maths and benefitted from the use of Hegarty Maths!

![750 Thousand Questions Super Schools]
Year Group Messages

We have taken the decision to postpone our planned rewards assemblies this week due to the number of students who have needed to isolate. All the information will be saved and these will be pushed forward to September 2021 when hopefully things are calmer and everyone is back in school.

Year 7

We are so proud of all you folks in Year 7! When we look back over the last twelve months we are full of admiration as to how everyone in Year 7 has settled in, worked hard and demonstrated huge amounts of resilience. At the heart of our school ethos is “working together to be the best we can be” and everyone in Year 7 should be congratulated as to how this ethos has been so closely followed. So now that the summer holidays are here it is time to reflect on a job well done but also to relax and re-energise ready to hit the ground running when we start back in September. Looking forward to Year 8 you should realise that you are now firmly established as part of the BGS community and understand the “Bingley Way”. Remember the next intake of Year 7 students will be looking to you as role models and all the BGS staff will be expecting you to continue to “Belong, Grow and Succeed”. Have a great summer and see you all in September, from the Year 7 and 8 team, Mr Greening, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Faunch and Miss McGee.

Year 8

Firstly, we would like to start by wishing you all good luck as you move on from the Year 7 and 8 team to being in the care of Year 9. We are all super proud as to how you have conducted yourselves, both in this academic year and of course in Year 7. As you may know the Year 8 ethos includes the phrases “accept responsibility for your actions” and “show resilience in all that you do”. During the last twelve months it has to be said that the students of Year 8 have well and truly lived up to this ethos. So now that the summer holidays are here it is time to reflect on a job well done but also to relax and re-energise ready to hit the ground running when we all start back in September. Finally, as you all move onwards into Year 9 you will, we are sure, continue to “Belong, Grow and Succeed”. Remember to look out for those new Year 7 students (it was not that long ago since you were in their shoes) and take time to say hello to the Year 7 and 8 pastoral team as you go about your busy lives in Year 9! We wish you all well for Year 9 and have a great summer, from the Year 7 and 8 team, Mr Greening, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Faunch, Miss McGee.
Year 9

Dear Year 9 students,
Firstly, well done to all of you for completing another challenging year at school. It has been a year like no other and I am sure we all agree that we have earned a well-deserved rest. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the school during the changes we have implemented over the past twelve months. Your teachers have done a superb job in ensuring that you continue to learn in the classroom, and provide you with the materials to not fall behind should you have not been in school. Our thanks go to them too. The student support team has worked tirelessly to ensure that you continued to receive the highest quality guidance and advice. We are extremely appreciative of this too.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer with plenty of opportunity to relax and recharge the batteries. We look forward to seeing you back in September ready to push on with the next stage of your learning journey.

Eid Mubarak to all of our students who are celebrating with friends and family and I wish you a very happy holiday, Mr Parapia

Year 10

In a year with many challenges, some that we have never had to face before, you have astounded us all at BGS with your impeccable conduct, determination to succeed and brilliant work ethic. This year has seen many interruptions but whether you’ve attended online lessons or lessons in school your attitude has shone bright like a diamond. In rising to these challenges you have certainly grown in maturity which has been a real pleasure to see. Next year will bring its own challenges but we are confident that you will uphold the high standards and hopefully be rewarded with high grades.

Enjoy your well-deserved break. Recharge those batteries, ready to go again in September.

Mr Bridge and Mr Brown

Year 12

Well done for making this year run as smoothly as possible. In saying goodbye to a fantastic Year 13 it was very clear to us that we had an equally fantastic Year 12 to follow next year. The vast majority of you have kept up with lessons (online or in school), maintained excellent attendance and dealt with the complications of ‘bubbles’ superbly. It has also been a pleasure to get to know many of you better from our conversations about subjects studied, Sixth Form issues or even the excellent quality of your trousers! You have made a very difficult year memorable for all the right reasons.

We look forward to welcoming you back to (hopefully) some kind of normality in September.

The Sixth Form Team
Year 11 Celebration

On Thursday 15th July it was the turn of our Year 11s to return to school for their celebration event.

Mr Brown reports,

It was brilliant to see so many Year 11s coming to celebrate the end of the year with us. The playing field looked so vibrant with all of the students, their picnic blankets, and the ice cream van. Students were able to collect their leavers hoodies and yearbooks as well as saying thanks to their staff. Music was provided by the IT support staff and also by a knockout set from the staff band. Mr Brown and Mr Bridge presented a range of awards based on achievement, attendance and resilience to name a few. Year 11 have truly been a real pleasure to work with this year, they have shown themselves in such a positive light throughout the year. Such a sunny Thursday picnic afternoon was a great way to end the year, best wishes to all of our year 11, have a brilliant summer break.
Thank you to all our Year 11s for being so resilient and positive throughout your GCSE experience - we hope you enjoyed the celebration event as much as we did and gain the results you deserve!
Miss Anderson said, “Using a flower from the Alstroemeria plant, the classes removed the sepals and petals to find the reproductive parts of the flower (stamen and pistil). The students worked really well together to successfully dissect each alstroemeria flower. I was really impressed with the maturity of the students, even after so long without any practical work!”
Year 9 MFL Work

Where would Year 9 French students visit in the French Speaking World? Mrs Greening was extremely impressed with the level of work produced!

Where do I want to visit in the French speaking world and why?

Je veux visiter la France parce que j'aime le pain. Surtout les baguettes françaises.

Je veux aussi visiter le tour Eiffel car je sais que c'est un monument très célèbre et que c'est venu être un très beau quartier.

Je aime les croissants et ils sont français donc c'est aussi pourquoi je veux visiter la France.

Je veux aussi pratiquer mon français au meilleur endroit.

The principality of Monaco is famous for its casino, money, tax free status and of course the formula 1 grand prix which takes place on the streets every year in May since 1929. However, I would like to visit Monaco because of the beautiful port and yachts.

Le principauté de Monaco est célèbre pour son casino, son argent, son statut d'exonération fiscale et bien sûr le grand prix de Formule 1 qui a lieu dans les rues chaque année en mai depuis 1929. Cependant, je voudrais visiter Monaco parce que de la belle port et des yachts.

Enivie de vacances d'été ?

C'est pour les amateurs d'aventure !

Choses à faire :

- Visiter Île Sainte Marie
- Faire l'observation des baleines
- Faire de la plongée sous-marine
- Visiter la force du pierre
- Explorer Antananarivo

C'est plus amusant que toute autre destination!

The mountain range has the most stunning UNESCO site which would be great to visit too.

En plus en France, je voudrais voyager Paris (adore faire la la la aussi) et les alpes car l'air est si neige.

De plus dans les montagnes, faire du ski et de l'alpinisme.
Thompson Court Afternoon Tea

Every summer we hold an annual tea party for residents of local care homes including Thompson Court. It is always so heart-warming to see students and residents having conversations with each other and playing bingo together too!

Miss Shah reports,

Sadly, we were not able to invite residents last year or this year due to the pandemic and covid restrictions. The last year and a half have been so difficult and challenging for residents and staff in care homes, so we wanted to do something to cheer them up and let them know that we are thinking of them.

As we couldn’t invite residents for afternoon tea, we decided we would deliver afternoon tea to them! So on Wednesday 14th July, Rob and Grahame from the site team delivered the amazing afternoon tea buffet made by Lindsey from the catering team at Bingley. Lindsey, myself and Miss Howard also went and we were greeted by the manager Janine and events coordinator Shirley. I am so grateful for the hamper that was gifted for the students who sent video messages (thanks for filming Mr Foster) and written messages for the residents along with a box of Bingo!

I hope the residents and staff enjoyed their afternoon tea and that there will be a day when we can invite residents back in to school when it is safe to do so.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who helped to organise the afternoon tea, especially Lindsey (our Catering manager) who made it all by herself!

Thank you to the wonderful students in Year 8 who filmed messages for the residents. I know it wasn’t easy but you did a great job! They were: Safiyah 8NA, Jasmine 8NA, Mohammad 8NA, Isabelle 8MG, Joseph 8MG, Isabelle 8MG, Wiktoria 8BE and Zainab 8BE.

Thank you to Paige for helping on the day of filming too and to all the students in Year 8 Year 9 and Year 10 who sent written messages for the residents.

Thank you so much to Janine and Shirley from Thompson Court for the treats hamper for the students. I am sure they will enjoy their chocolates and crisps!

And finally, thank you to all the residents who we miss greatly. We hope you all stay safe and well and hope to see you soon.
Year 8 Art Gallery
Focaccia Garden Practical Challenge
This half term the Key stage four food practical task was set with coursework in mind.

Mrs Wilkinson challenged the Year 10 GCSE food students to join in the latest Lockdown baking craze! Throughout lockdown people have been showing off their creative flair by making elaborate “focaccia gardens”, decorating fresh bakes with herbs and vegetables to emulate floral scenes. The trend has been slowly blooming in recent years, and has become really popular with more than 5,000 artistic breads tagged #focaccia garden on Instagram.

Students explored the science behind making bread and the role of gluten and raising agents amongst other food science knowledge.

Mrs Wilkinson said,
“As you can see by the photographs I was super impressed at their creativity and artistic flair. I am so very proud of all students who have been cooking at home this year, well done year 10!”
End of Year Art Gallery
Year 8 MFL Certificates

The MFL team really enjoyed giving out the Year 8 language certificates last week - well done to everyone who received them for their dedication to learning.

Sponsored Hike

Good Luck to Jemima, Emily and Jack on their 20 mile sponsored hike over the summer!

On the 6th August Jemima Whitehead in Year 11, Emily Hillary in Year 8 and Jack Hillary in Year 7, will be taking part in a 20 mile sponsored hike to raise money for the children’s hospice Martin’s House. Our students will be completing the Ullswater Way with 60 other 11-18 year olds and 20 adults to raise vital funds for the charity. If you would like to sponsor Jemima, Emily and Jack or want to find out more about their challenge click here >>

Well done to Jemima, Emily and Jack for taking on the challenge - we wish you good luck and good weather!
Year 12 Spanish Creative Challenge

Our Year 12 Spanish class went above and beyond in their creative Pan’s Labyrinth challenge.

The group has been studying Guillermo Del Toro’s film El laberinto del Fauno as part of their AS language course. They were challenged to produce a creative response to the film.

The work that they produced was highly impressive - from film inspired cakes to intricate papier-mâché Faun masks and stunning headpieces.

¡Fantástico año 12!
Last month, our Food Science and Nutrition department decided to send out home experiment kits for students to have a go at making their own edible crystals.

The kits were extremely popular and Mrs Wilkinson had to put together a second batch of the kits!

The food science and nutrition team would like to thank all students who enthusiastically learned all about candy crystals and supersaturated solutions and took learning out of the classroom and into their own kitchen at home.

Aimee said: “They are deliciously crunchy and very sweet too, thanks for letting me take part.”

Ethan said: “I really liked making these sweet looking crystals in my candy rock. I might make them again someday because they taste good and rock on.”

Well done to everyone who took part!
Year 13 Enactus Challenge
Last year a group of Year 13 students started the NextGenLeaders programme with Enactus.

The ‘NextGenLeaders’ Programme for schools and colleges is a youth social action and youth social enterprise programme, which aims to support and encourage schools/colleges, teachers and students to focus on achieving better outcomes for both young people and communities.

The group worked together to raise money so they could then produce care packages for the charity Bradford Nightstop. Bradford Nightstop are a charity who provide emergency accommodation for homeless young people aged 16-25 across Bradford, Calderdale and Kirklees and they have offered over 11,000 bed nights to young people in the 25 years they have been in existence. They also estimate that they have had referrals from current and former pupils of nearly every school/college across Bradford proving that homelessness can affect anyone.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions the charity have not been fully operational and so the team have been unable to present the care packs, however as restrictions are lifting the charity is getting prepared to reopen and were able to come and collect all the donations collected by the group.

Each member of the team received a certificate and medal from Enactus for the great work they managed to do in such challenging times. Well done team!
Year 8 Spanish have been learning about the Aztecs in Mexico, for a cultural end to the year!

Here are some examples of acrostic poems they have produced. Well done everyone on their hard work and excellent presentation skills.
English Work

Miss Hodgson has been extremely impressed with Pankti in 7OS’s English work. The writing, drawings and presentation in her book is outstanding - Well done Pankti!

Year 7 History Work

Well done to Lewis Butler and Connie Storton, Leeza Aslam and Alishba Shahid and Lydia Holt and Raya Panesar on their great History work looking at the Sioux Indians and their relationship with the Buffalo.
School Uniform

We are aware people are already planning or buying uniform for September and therefore trying to understand what is accepted and what is not accepted. Also it sometimes does not help when your son/daughter says ‘that’s what so and so wears!’

To help avoid any confusion please see the pictures below which help to show the basic requirements.

For all other information please see the school website:
https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents--carers/uniform/

**Trousers**

Trousers can be black or grey and need to extend to below the ankle:

The examples below are not acceptable and can be best described as skin tight, above the ankle and sometimes see through:

**Shoes and Trainers**

Students are allowed all black shoes or trainers; below are examples we will accept:

The examples below are not acceptable and can be best described as having a different coloured logo and/or white soles:
Blazer/Tie/BGS Hoody
From September all students will need:

- A BGS blazer
- A tie (Current Y6 and Current Y7 will be given one)

A popular addition this year has been a BGS hoody, this is something we will keep due to clearly identifying them as a BGS student and the extra warmth it gives, (especially while we have extra ventilation in classrooms) however, it does not replace the blazer and should be worn with it. There is also a BGS jumper, however, these are not as popular as a BGS hoody. All other jumpers and hoodies are not allowed.

Piercings
Recently we have found a number of students have hidden piercings behind their masks. In terms of piercings, the only piercing allowed on the face is:

- A nose stud (not ring) which can be removed when requested

Hair
This year a few non-natural colours have been used on hair. We ask that if hair is coloured this it is natural colours not red or blue. Obviously if people want to experiment in the summer holidays (with parental permission) this is fine, however, by September 6th we would want this to be gone.

Shipley School Uniform Bank
As students may have outgrown their uniform and/or, in the Year 11s case, no longer need it, we are lucky to have in our area the Shipley School Uniform Bank which is now asking for donations of uniform and sports kit.

We also realise for some families it can be hard to provide uniform, therefore if you feel you need support please do get in touch with them asap.

The School Uniform Bank says, “Our aim is to reduce the financial burden on local families whilst promoting recycling and reuse, by collecting and re-distributing school uniforms and associated items in good condition to those experiencing financial hardship.”

Donations
The Shipley Area School Uniform Bank is asking for donations between now and Saturday 31st July. They are open for donations all summer, but ask that donations be made in the next week if at all possible, as they need to wash & process all stock before they can give it back out.

For more information about the uniform bank visit their facebook page or email them directly.

Facebook: Shipley Area School Uniform Bank
Email: shipleyareasub@gmail.com
Arek and Jean Hersh

We have been very privileged at Bingley Grammar to have Holocaust survivor Arek Hersh speak to students about his life and survival from Auschwitz as well as his message of kindness and respect.

Sadly, due to the pandemic and covid restrictions, Arek and his wife Jean, have not been able to visit Bingley Grammar since last March. So we decided that we would send video messages and letters from students to let Arek and Jean know that we miss them and hope to see them soon. Along with the letters and video messages, Lindsey from the catering team made a delicious lunch buffet for them, delivered to their home by Rob Parkinson.

Huge thanks to everyone involved who helped. Thank you to the students in Yr 9 and Yr 10 who wrote letters to Arek and Jean after watching the Windemere Children. They wrote about the impact Arek’s talk had on them in Yr 7, how moving they found the Windemere children which follows Arek and other survivors’ lives when they arrived in the Lake District after being liberated from Auschwitz. They also wrote about their disappointment at the racism directed at the England players who missed their penalties in the Euros final and why Arek’s message of respect and kindness is so important.

And finally a huge thank you to the students in Yr 8 who volunteered to give a video message to Arek and Jean. It isn’t easy to be filmed but you all did a great job. Thanks to Mubeena, Zainab, Sahil, Jasmine, Ruby and Erin.

We hope Arek and Jean stay safe and well and look forward to welcoming them back into school in the future.
If you have some spare time on your hands and would like to try volunteering, the East Morton Community shop is looking for volunteers to become part of their team. Volunteering can help you gain valuable experience, build skills and make new friends...

Yr 7 Brilliant Club Graduation

Last week should have been our Year 7 Brilliant Club Graduation. This was going to be a virtual event where our students were going to watch the graduation speeches and enjoy some tasty treats together. Unfortunately, due to many of our students having to self-isolate this didn’t happen but Miss Pugh would like to congratulate all our Year 7 Brilliant Club cohort for a fantastic placement! Especially well done to Isla and Zoe who have been recommended to be published in this year’s Brilliant Club book!

Miss Pugh is really impressed with all of your hard work and is proud of everything you have achieved this year.

Volunteering Opportunity

East Morton Community Shop

Put those extra hours of daylight to good use. You can develop new skills and make new friends by becoming part of our fantastic team of volunteers.

Call in today or email us at info@eastmortoncommunityshop.org.uk
Reminder: Start Dates for September

Please remember we will be staggering the year groups coming back into school in September. Please refer to the dates below.

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Please note: The Department for Education has informed us that given the uncertainty of the COVID situation we face in the Autumn, they want to help Secondary schools and Colleges to be as prepared as possible for continuing testing on return after the summer break. Therefore, Schools and Colleges have been advised to stagger the return of pupils during the 1st week of term.

Please also be aware that these dates are still subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. A full list of next year’s holiday dates can be found here >>

Police Cadets Scheme

West Yorkshire Police are recruiting now for the September 2021 Police Cadets scheme. To join you need to be between the ages of 13 and 17 to apply. Sixth Form students remain a cadet until the end of Year 13. As a Volunteer Police Cadet students would gain an insight into policing, take part in activities and develop key life skills. They can also complete their Bronze and/or Silver DofE Awards through the scheme.

For more information and to apply click: https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/jobs-volunteer/volunteer-police-cadets/volunteer-police-cadets/volunteer-police-cadets
Notes from the Teachers:

Summer Reading!
I hope that you have a lovely summer.
Some of you have asked if you can borrow books to read over the summer, especially if you’ve run out of books to read! Our library isn’t open at the moment, but you CAN get access to free books and borrow them in two ways:
1. The Sora app: https://soraapp.com/library/uksecondary
2. Through Bradford Libraries, by either visiting one of the branches (Bingley, Baildon, Addingham, Keighley, Shipley, Menston, Wilsden and more) or through their BorrowBox app. You can join for free online and download the app to your phone/tablet so you can read on there: https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries
I use the BorrowBox app quite a lot - there are plenty of books and audiobooks on there. You might need to reserve a copy if the book that you want is checked out, but there is a lot of choice.
So check out SORA and BorrowBox!
If you’re not sure what to read, look at the reading lists on our BGS reading page, or the subject specific reading lists on the subject pages:https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents-carers/curriculum/reading/
There are book recommendations in every BGS newsletter too from the teachers, if you want to see what they’re reading!
Have an AMAZING, RELAXING summer holiday and I’ll see you in September.
Miss Powell
BGS Reading Coordinator

Year 10 MFL Speaking Test
A HUGE well done to the Year 10 French and Spanish students who have completed their first speaking try-out this week. Thank you for attending on time and trying really hard at the end of a very long and difficult term.
We are incredibly pleased and proud of you!
MFL team

Oak Academy
If you are looking for academic and wellbeing resources over the summer, Oak Academy has a ‘Summer Classroom’ as well as lots of enrichment activities all for free. These activities are purely voluntary and include many creative and fun projects which our students may enjoy: