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'All the world's a stage'

'Bated Breath'
visited BGS
to perform
'Shakespeare, his
Wife and the Dog,' by
Philip Whitchurch and
Sally Edwards, to Years
10 to 13 pupils studying
English or Theatre Studies.

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Described as 'intelligent, witty and emotive' and 'an acting master-class', the play is a joyous celebration of language, despite the underlying themes of senility and death. Finding himself unfashionable, Shakespeare retires and makes his household's lives miserable.





# Welcome from the Headmaster

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Hoc Age our latest snapshot of BGS life. The articles in this publication provide a window on a very happy, busy and caring school.

Opportunities abound to get involved, find or further an interest and this term I've loved visiting some of our many lunchtime clubs and societies. Providing a broad and balanced education is our game.

Life in the classroom is equally vibrant and colleagues from BGS have just returned from an international teaching conference where we showcased our practice and learnt some new ideas from leading teachers and educationalists. Learning at BGS is effective, lively, fun and the word is out! This might help to explain why our recent Open Day was so well attended. More open events are planned and we look forward to welcoming new pupils and parents to the BGS family in the fullness of time.

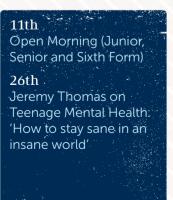


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Reflections on the new term: 'What has not changed is the

The Deputy

culture of high aspiration that exists within the School for its young people and BGS continues to have their best interests at heart.

Headmaster writes ...

The uniform has changed as have some of the day-to-day routines but many of the BGS traditions, for example a long lunch break for co-curricular activities and a chance to unwind and most importantly refuel, still endure.

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I wanted to write a drama about the man and his wife, his wife being the most important person in his life.

### PHILIP WHITCHURCH

Philip said: 'The Hockney Theatre at BGS is a fantastic creative space. It's very large but has a sense of being intimate. It's extremely adaptable and acoustically it's more natural so you don't have to force the characters, which makes it easier to connect with the audience.' The pupils also took part in a Q and A session. Year 12 student Naiha Sharry-Khan said: 'I thought it was really insightful. It really seems to link in with Hamlet for our studies in terms of the tragical aspects of Shakespeare.'

Philip continued: 'I think young people have a preconception of what Shakespeare is about and that it's in a sense 'posh'. This play isn't, it's knock about, has a lot of comedy and pathos and I think this translates to a younger audience.'

Lee Hanson, Head of English said: 'We are so lucky to have worked with the Ilkley Literature Festival on a number of events this year. An extension of that collaboration has been the arrival of Bated Breath's 'Shakespeare, His Wife and the Dog' to the Hockney Theatre. We are of course delighted that such a high profile, quality touring production has stopped off at BGS and made real impact on the pupils."

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### Pupils investigate accessibility

How hard is it to get to and around retail areas? Year 11 Geography pupils came up with some innovative ways of investigating issues of accessibility working in small groups in four local towns - Shipley, Bingley, Ilkley and Skipton.

Some groups came up with 'traffic light' systems to assess how welcoming shops were to customers with disabilities, for instance, did they have a door ramp, wide enough aisles for pushchairs, and minimal background noise? Other groups interviewed key players in disability issues such as Roy Aldread from Skipton and Craven Action for Disability, and hired wheelchairs to begin to empathise with the points of view of people with challenged mobility. Their findings will help them to complete a project worth 25% of their final GCSE grade.







# Riding crest of a wave

Two teenage brothers from Halifax are making waves in the world of windsurfing after taking it up just 10 years ago.

Matthew, 18, and Josh Carey, 16, one a former and one a current pupil at BGS, started windsurfing after trying it just once on holiday in Weymouth

Ten years on, the brothers are among the top in the country and their summer season has proven the best so far. Back in April Matthew came 2nd at the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) National Windsurfing Championships. This qualified him for the Great Britain team for the selective **EUROSAF Youth Sailing European** Championship in Austria where he got 4th place.

Matthew has now been accepted on a part-time Olympic development programme, living

in Weymouth, alongside a Year in Industry working as a Mechanical Design Engineer.

Josh has had comparable success as an Under 17 national champion windsurfer. He came 4th in the Under 17 boys at the RS:X European and Youth European Championships in Helsinki in June. From Helsinki he went straight to Sopot in Poland for the Techno European championships where he came 18th in the Under 17s. He has also been selected for the British team to compete at the RS:X Youth World Championship, the most important youth windsurfing regatta in Limassol, in November

Josh said: 'I was really happy with these results. BGS has helped me to achieve a lot so far and I'm definitely enjoying the Sixth Form - the small class sizes mean you get the best out of yourself.

Matthew said: 'In my A Levels I got 2 A\*s and an A in Further Maths, Physics and Maths respectively. The teachers at BGS have always done their absolute best to help me achieve my ambitions in sport and academia and for that I could not be more grateful'.

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and the Dog' 2 Matthew Carev (le coming 2nd at the Championships 2016 **3** Josh Carey (right training on RS:X in

4 Year 11 Geograp



# BGS netball soaring to success

Since September a number of our netballers have been successful gaining representative honours. Our pupils have trialled for U13 and U15 District Netball Squads and for County and Regional Academies. Overall 35 girls across five age groups are now training and playing representative netball

The U16 netball squad have progressed comfortably through the first round of the National Schools competition. They beat all teams in the area, bar one, and now look forward to the Regional Round in January.

Well done girls!

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# Well done girls!







### Yorkshire Biathlon Championships

Top effort by Year 6 pupils Nate Holdsworth, Florence Taylor, Dan Grimmitt and Eleanor Dawson representing BGS in the Yorkshire Biathlon Championships on Sunday 16 October.

The four all gave 100%, running 800 metres in wet conditions at York University's Athletics Stadium followed by a 50-metre swim at the York Sports Village. Dan was second in the Under 11 boys, Eleanor second in the Under 11 girls with Florence and Nate achieving PBs and great performances.



### Kind of Blue: Pupils experience Ken Clarke

Pupils and staff enjoyed the reminiscences of Ken Clarke, one of the genuine 'Big Beasts' of the political scene, at the Ilkley Literature Festival 'Ken Clarke: Kind of Blue', as he chartered his remarkable progress from working-class scholarship boy in Nottinghamshire to high political office.

Ken Clarke, known as a Tory Wet who loves cricket, Nottingham Forest Football Club and jazz, isn't a straightforward Conservative politician and his passionate commitment to Europe cost him the leadership on no less than three occasions.

Mike Simpson, Head of Politics said: 'We've been lucky to work with the Ilkley Literature Festival on a number of events this year. An extension of that collaboration was sponsoring this event. It was really interesting to hear how Ken's education was helped by a scholarship to Nottingham High School. Of course many of our OBs were also the beneficiaries of similar schemes which enabled BGS the right to be labelled 'Bradford's Grammar School'.

In his memoir Ken makes light of a difficult upbringing; he romps through life's many travails. He finds himself, in turn, on a school trip to the House of Commons, sitting two rows behind Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin. He networks with ease while at Cambridge, where he meets many of his political peers.

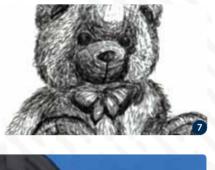
'Given the present debate surrounding the return of grammar schools, it is interesting to speculate if similar arrangements could be revived. The pace of change in politics was clear with his discussion of Thatcher years and how she was an ardent supporter of the Single Market. We're delighted that the pupils could reflect on these issues with such a high profile politician.

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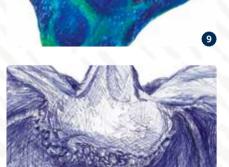
















# artist visits BGS

UK's leading ceramic

Kate Malone, one of the UK's leading studio potter and ceramic artists, visited BGS to speak to all pupils about Art, Design and the importance of creativity in school. She also spent the day working with a group of Year 10 pupils on a beautiful ceramic tile installation, that will later become public art, on display within School.

Born in 1959 in London, Kate is known for her large sculptural vessels and rich, bright glazes. She is also a judge, along with Keith Brymer Jones, on BBC2's 'The Great Pottery Throw Down' presented by Sara Cox.

Kate said: 'I've loved spending time with the pupils, I wish we had another day to create more work. It's not about making a nation of artists, potters and carpenters, it's about showing them how to be confident with their bodies, and their hands, using a craft.

You can be creative and think artistically whether you're a Doctor, a Nurse or Engineer. After talking to pupils about material knowledge, and the confidence it brings, I'm hoping that whoever they become they may want to dig a bit deeper than the basic elements of whatever they decide to do, and do it with confidence."

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Front: Catherine Allei Masterton (capt). Henworth-Wood

2 BGS netball soaring to **3** Top effort by Eleanor

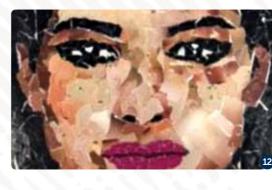
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Following a talk given by a representative of the Anthony Nolan Trust who had visited Bradford Grammar School, Year 13 student Richard Lansbury, age 17, from Shipley, decided he wanted to go on to the donor register.

# Student becomes stem cell donor to help save lives

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I had no hesitation in agreeing to donate ... My family and the Anthony Nolan Trust supported me throughout the process and the Trust team were great at keeping us informed.

RICHARD LANSBURY



Every day, the charity matches incredible individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to people with blood cancer and blood disorders who desperately need lifesaving transplants. It all began in 1974 when Shirley Nolan's three-year-old son Anthony was in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant, and so she set up the world's first register to match donors with people in desperate need.

Now, the charity helps three people each day find that lifesaving match.

Richard's mother Alison Lansbury said: 'We were delighted that Richard had taken this mature approach and supported him in his decision to put himself on the register.

In the spring, Richard was contacted by the Anthony Nolan Trust and they let him know that he was a match for a patient and could he supply more blood samples for further matching. They sent us a kit containing sample bottles and a form to be completed by the medical professional, who then took the blood samples."

The family sent the kit back and it was confirmed that Richard was a match for a patient who would probably need a stem cell transplant in the near future. In early September, they contacted Richard to ask him to donate as the patient now required the transplant.

If he decided to take this up, he would commit to providing the stem

Supporting Macmillan

### On 30 September BGS staff oined the 'world's biggest

coffee morning'.

Many staff demonstrated their baking prowess of which Mary Berry would have been proud.



**Bradford Regatta** 

The Bradford Amateur

Rowing Club (BARC) is a British Rowing-affiliated club

in Saltaire, West Yorkshire. The Club's 2016 Autumn

Regatta took place on a beautiful stretch of the River

Bradford Grammar School

Aire on 10 September. It was a great success, blessed with some wonderful weather.

entered several crews despite the

summer term. The Junior 18 coxed

four of Tom Bradley, Nick Keating,

Christian Burke [J16], John Burke

and Matthew Parry [cox] defeated

The Junior 18 double scull of Euar

another Bradford Grammar crew

of John Burke and Will Robson in

Darnbrough said, 'It was a fantastic

Although these were the only two

wins out of the five events entered,

day and everyone did very well.

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early in the school year.'

crews were very encouraging so

BGS Rowing Coach, Simon

a thrilling Final.

Adam and Ben Wood defeated

two other crews to win the IM2

coxed fours event for Seniors.

fact that they had not been on

training since the end of the



cells, as once the patient was treated in order to prepare them to receive the transplant, if no cells were donated the patient would suffer and potentially die.

Richard said: 'I had no hesitation in agreeing to donate. We discussed this as a family and I knew I could decline if that's what I wanted, and that would be ok. But I was 100% sure. My family and the Anthony Nolan Trust supported me throughout the process and the Trust team were fantastic at keeping us all informed."

Alison continues: 'It's difficult to describe just how much respect I have for Richard, he was unwavering in his commitment to donate and didn't think for a minute about the impact on himself. He embraced the process and it seemed he could always see the bigger picture.

Through all of the injections and donation process Richard remained stoic and enthusiastic about the opportunity to really make a difference for someone, for whom he could be the only chance of a cure. To say we are all proud of him for such a selfless and wonderful act would be an understatement. He has proven himself to be someone who is generous, selfless and mature beyond his years."

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The English Department had a friendly 'best brownie' competition, whilst some of the linguists demonstrated that their cultural knowledge extended beyond language with a German style Bundt cake. The event was a great success, BGS raised almost £150 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



# Bradford Cathedral remembers BGS founders at civic service

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress joined pupils, staff and former pupils to remember the founders, benefactors and supporters of the School throughout its history.

### Faiths in the City

'Faiths in the City' on Tuesday 18 October was a day to remember for our Year 9 pupils, filled with collaboration and exploration. There was a real sense of energy and excitement as pupils involved themselves in the activities.

The workshops this year included a Hindu dance workshop. Pupils were certainly put through their paces. In the Christian workshop led by 'Riding Lights', pupils explored the work of this theatre group and their Christian witness. The Islamic calligraphy workshop was led by Razwan who inspired the pupils to make traditional calligraphy designs. The Sikh workshop allowed pupils to learn about and play traditional Sikh musical instruments. And finally, the Buddhist workshop was enlightening and thought provoking with the opportunity for a lot of meditation!

Richard Skelton, Religious Studies teacher said: 'It was richly rewarding and stimulating for our pupils, celebrating and exploring the richness and diversity of faith in our community.

A pupil commented: 'I enjoyed the variety of workshops the most. Every workshop was different to the previous one. Therefore, I learnt lots of new and different facts'

Canon Alistair Helm and the Canon Precentor of Bradford Cathedral, Canon Paul Maybury, led the service, held at Bradford Cathedral. The School is one of the oldest institutions in Bradford, tracing its beginnings back to 1548.

Headmaster Simon Hinchliffe said: 'Founders Day is an important day in the BGS calendar. It is important to us, as a School community, that we remember and celebrate our heritage in Bradford and it was wonderful to have BGS staff, pupils and former pupils alike share these memories. It also offers us another opportunity to celebrate our Yorkshire roots.

We take pride in paying thanks to key Old Bradfordians (OBs) throughout history who have contributed to the School's development in some way. I'm also grateful to our OBs who support current students at BGS in many important ways, for example, by contributing generously to bursaries; the positive contribution that they make to our school and the wider community cannot be understated - Another good day in our great city.

Having occupied three sites in the city, including a building on Church Bank, the School moved to its current location on Keighley Road in 1949. The current building was

in fact completed in 1939 but due to the outbreak of war, pupils (then an all-boys school) were evacuated to Settle while the school was used as a Primary Training Centre. Many pupils of the School were members of Bradford Pals.

Some well-known figures from Bradford's history have been involved in the development of the School, including: Peter Sunderland of Fairweather Green who, in 1658, sought a Charter of Independence from Parliament; John Sharp, Bradfordian and Archbishop of York, who gave generously to the School in 1691; Sir Titus Salt and Samuel Lister, among other figures, who endowed scholarships to the School; King Charles II who, in 1662, agreed to the petition of the people of Bradford and issued a charter protecting the independence and property of the Free Grammar School; and Sir Jacob Behrens, who owned a wool factory on Thornton Road and was one of the founders of Bradford Chamber of Commerce in 1851.

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# A cautionary tale

Shaun Attwood, a former stock-market millionaire, who served time in the jail with the highest death rate in America, visited BGS to tell pupils his true story about prison and drugs.

He has been touring and speaking at three schools in the UK a week and says his story strikes a chord with many children. Shaun relayed the same experiences to young BGS pupils in order to open their eyes to the harrowing consequences of getting involved in drugs and crime.

Year 12 student Callum Haynes, age 17 from Bradford said:

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Shaun's story was really interesting and shocking ... I never knew this could happen.

Raised in a small industrial town in the northwest, Shaun, 48, moved to Arizona in 1991, where he worked his way up to become a top producing stockbroker and a tech-stock millionaire during the dot.com

### Fairtrade tuckshop

Our Fairtrade tuckshop is open every day and is run by a group of pupil volunteers.

Each year we choose one or more charities to donate our profits to. This term we've chosen Médecins sans Frontières, which provides medical aid to those in the most desperate situations around the world. Their current projects include Syria and The Jungle in Calais. We're delighted to have donated £1,000 to this deserving cause.

bubble. But he also led a double life. Having been a raver in Manchester in the late 80's, Shaun took his love of dance music to the US. He threw raves and imported Ecstasy.

On 16 May 2002, a SWAT team smashed his door down. On remand for 26 months, Shaun started the first prison blog, 'Jon's Jail Journal', which turned the international media spotlight on the conditions – gang members and guards murdering inmates, dead rats in the food, cockroaches crawling in his ears at night. Shaun was sentenced to nine ½ years for running an Ecstasy ring. He served almost six years in jail.

Shaun said: 'All the pupils were very gripped and there was no end of questions during the session. I hope, and I'm sure, the lessons are absorbed - which is what it's all about.'

'After seeing the horror of what drugs leads to in prison, I know I couldn't change my past so to me it's vitally important to go out and share my story. Particularly with young people where it's imperative they understand such consequences.'

### Public Physics lectures

Pupils attended two lectures at Leeds University.

The first lecture was 'Topological Matter and Why Should We Care' delivered by Professor Steve Simons (University of Oxford) building from simple concepts and descriptions to some very complex postgrad Physics. The second was 'Black Holes and Spin offs' delivered by Professor Katherine Blundell (University of Oxford).

Oliver Theaker, Physics Teacher said: 'They showed a true maturity in processing concepts far beyond their current level of study and while not all points were understood, they all left with an interest and enthusiasm for the topics.'





### Holland Hockey tour

The senior hockey trip to Holland this October was undoubtedly a huge success.

Our five-day visit was packed with fun day trips, team building and plenty of intense hockey. Staying by the beautiful beach of Zandvoort, we began the tour with a GoPro training session led by a former national player, in which we were able to improve and develop our attacking skills. We were unfortunately beaten in our first two matches; 1-5 against HC Eemvallei and 1-2 to Zandvoortsche HC.

However, after thorough discussion and reflection from our video analysis, we approached our final game with determination, finishing with a well-earned 2-1 win against Almeerse HC. Alongside playing, we greatly enjoyed activities such as the 'Sherlocked' experience, visiting Amsterdam and Anne Frank's house, a trip to the waterpark, team games on the beach and watching matches of high level hockey.

It was wonderful to see players from younger years flourish and grow in confidence; by the end of the tour it was clear that we had developed a new mindset and extremely valuable connection and relationship as a team, which will hopefully continue to grow, allowing us to be successful in matches to come.

### Military discipline

Year 9 got a taste of military life and discipline with a History Study Day at Preston which focused on the life of the British soldier in the First World War.

They visited Fulwood Barracks and the Lancashire Museum in Preston

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for an hands-on day which included a fearsome drill from an authentic Regimental Sergeant-Major, trying on soldiers' kit, handling objects including an incredibly valuable VC, experiencing life in a recreated trench, rifle drill and learning about medical care from a VAD nurse.

Hermione Baines, Head of History said: 'The experienced interpreters were really able to bring to life so many aspects of what it must have been like for ordinary men who suddenly found themselves swept up in the horrors of the First World War, supporting the work Year 9 are doing in their History lessons this half term.'

# Spanish trip to Madrid

Seventeen Year 10 pupils enjoyed a week of culture, sunshine and fun during their stay in Madrid during October half term.

They made the very most of the vibrant Spanish capital, visiting the royal palace, the Prado and Reina Sofía galleries, the cathedral and the Plaza Mayor amongst other famous sites. The group enjoyed chocolate con churros in one of Madrid's oldest cafés and practised their Spanish in a series of activities around the city.

They also visited the monastery of El Escorial where Spanish kings and queens are buried, and travelled to Alcalá de Henares, birthplace of Cervantes and the site of one of Europe's oldest universities. There was a visit to the Bernabeu stadium, home of Real Madrid, and time to visit the fashionable shops in the city. The weather was warm, the food was good, and everybody had a great time! We hope to return to Madrid in the near future with another group of Spanish pupils.







 Shaun Attwood tells pupils his story about prison and drugs
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# Junior



# Welcome to our pre-launch issue!





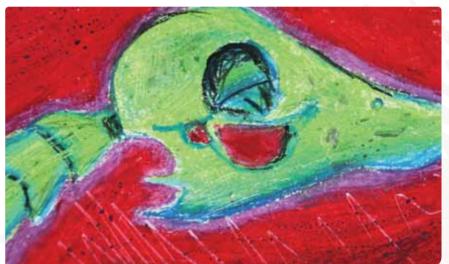
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# 'Love Bradford'

Bradfordians young and old broke a world record, at Bradford's City Park on Thursday 15 September, with more than 2,300 people showing their love for Bradford, connecting people from across the district in a celebration of our friendly, diverse and extraordinary hometown.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Geoff Reid, called on people to join him in creating the world's longest chain of people making heartshaped hand gestures. He encouraged citizens, schoolchildren, businesses and local organisations to take part in the stunt, which is aimed at fostering local pride while also raising money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Among the bustling crowd, 27 Clock House pupils excitedly joined the chain in a bid to celebrate their beloved city.

Simon Hinchliffe, Headmaster said: 'The sun was shining, everyone was smiling and it was wonderful to see folk turning out in such large numbers to have a bit of fun together. A good day for our great city.'

The event has been named #LoveBradford, after a phrase used on social media by people highlighting positive news and events from the city.

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Year 5 stepped back in time when they were visited by an Ancient Egyptian embalmer.

eager pupils were soon put to work cleaning the 'corpse', removing and bandages. They even left the brain out for the cat! Led by the expert chanted verses to ensure that the









Junior School pupils and staff were thrilled to be part of the record breaking 'Love Bradford' event at City Park.

SIMON HINCHLIFFE

# kicks off

BGS hosted ten local rugby teams from across the region in their first Under 11 Invitational Festival of Rugby. Kicking off the season, the School welcomed around 120 players from Rounhegians RFC (A and B), Yarnbury RUFC in Horsforth, Ilkley RUFC (A and B), Morley RUFC, Keighley RUFC, West Park Leeds RUFC and Bradford and Bingley Bees.

Sian Partridge, parent and committee member at West Park Leeds, said: 'Today has been a great way to start off the season. The day has shown local rugby in a fantastic light and has been competitive, yet not overly-competitive, and a lot of fun. The day has run like clockwork and we have all really enjoyed it.'

It was brilliant to see so many local grassroots teams come together to enjoy what was a fantastic event. The day was not about winning but about participation, teamwork and, above all, enjoyment – and there were plenty of smiling faces!

### Harvest Appeal

Junior School pupils sold baked goods and other treats under the veranda outside Clock House for our Annual Harvest Appeal. All funds will go to Action Aid and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Action Aid is a leading international charity working in over 45 countries and they use donations to work with the poorest women and girls in the world, changing their lives for good. Their local staff provide immediate, hands-on support to women and children living on the margins of survival.

WWF is the world's leading

independent conservation organisation. They put their funds towards ensuring that people and nature can thrive together, for generations to come. WWF's schools and youth team works with teachers, youth leaders and parents to help them help children do just that. Through their work with young people, they're aiming to inspire a new generation of sustainability champions and help young people make positive choices for a brighter future for our planet.

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# Ancient Egyptian visit U11 Rugby season

The embalmer was not short of assistance and our keen and drying its organs and carefully stuffing and wrapping it in visitor, the pupils then sang and mummy got a suitable send off.

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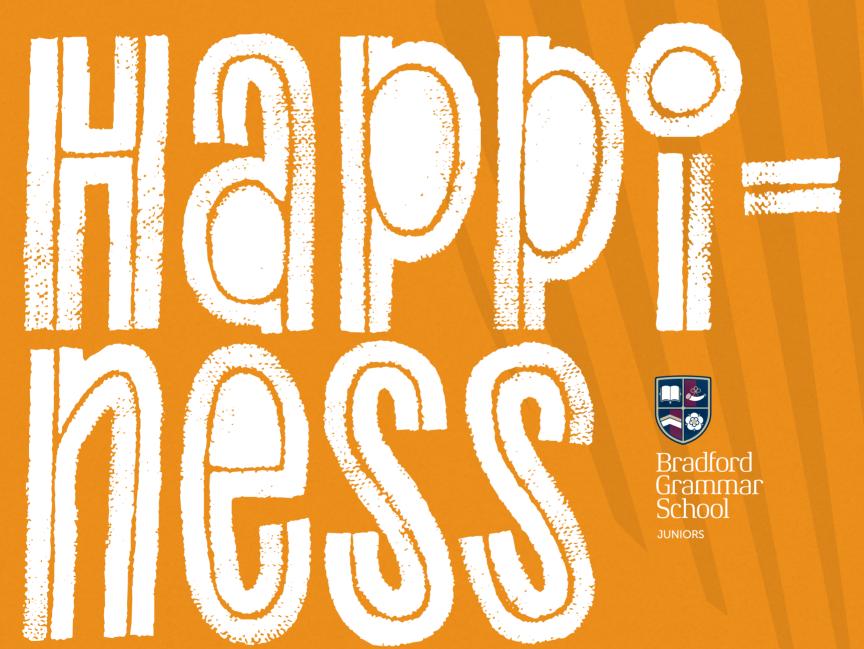


# Why is happiness important at BGS?

Coming soon in March 2017 'Spotlight on Happiness'

Watch video interviews with parents, pupils and staff describing what happiness means to them

Find out about how BGS supports and promotes happiness as an intrinsic part of School life



Mental Health and Wellbeing
Sport and Healthy Living
Creativity and the Arts
Community Outreach and Enrichment
Personalised Teaching