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# Mac Age

## New library opens!

World famous illustrator Axel Scheffler, co-creator of 'The Gruffalo', led a Mini Literature Festival for BGS pupils to celebrate and open our new £2.1 million library.

Feature



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As part of the festival Axel was joined by award-winning sculptor and writer, Anthony Padgett, renowned poet, best-selling children's writer and Old Bradfordian Nick Toczek and children's writer Saci Lloyd, author of the Carbon Diaries.

Axel said: "It was a real honour to be asked to visit Bradford Grammar School to open their new library. I also really enjoyed showing the children my creative process and how I come up with my sketches."





# Welcome from the Deputy Head

It is my pleasure, and also a very special moment for me, to welcome you to the latest edition of 'Hoc Age'.

I have read the publication with interest over the last 20 years as a proud Old Bradfordian, keeping up to date with the busy and inspiring life of the School. It is now as the new Deputy Headmaster that I invite you to take a look at the School's highlights that have recently taken place.

I have greatly enjoyed my first few months back at BGS and have been fortunate enough to experience the wonderful Spring Fair run by the Parents' Association, the Year 13 Leavers' Day, the Year 8 Geography field trip to Leeds, and the energy-sapping cut and thrust of a staff hockey match!

At the time of writing I look forward to the Year 12 HE Day, Leavers' Ball and Summer Concert in the Price Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the extraordinary commitment and energy of my colleagues in all areas of the School. Without them, it would not be possible to provide the outstanding all-round education on offer here at BGS.

*Louis d'Arcy*

Louis d'Arcy

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AUG

18th A Level Results Day  
25th GCSE Results Day

NOV

1st Year 11/16+ Information Evening

SEPT

2nd Induction Day for Year 7 and Year 12  
5th School reopens

DEC

16th Last day of term

OCT

13th Founders' Day  
15th Open Day  
19th Last day of term  
31st School reopens

## The Headmaster writes ...

Summer 1976:

"England cricketer and fellow Yorkshireman Brian Close batted famously on foreign soil (Old Trafford!) against a brutal West Indian pace attack. Ball after ball. Blow after blow. Brian played on."

I find myself currently identifying with this image ..."

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“...”  
The style of the day really breathed fresh life into literature, ideas and words.

SACI LLOYD

It's a great feeling to have that impact and to get children reading and also parents reading with their children. I think that's an amazing thing to achieve."

## National success for table tennis

BGS was the only school in the country to have two girls' teams in the 50th English Schools Table Tennis Team (ESTTA) Championships finals.

The Under 13 and Under 19 Teams competed against three other girls' teams and came out on top! Both BGS teams performed brilliantly and all 4 players contributed to an excellent second place finish. Starting with a tight 5-3 victory, the U19s were playing last year's winners King Edwards Totnes.

During the event Olivia Dovernor and Maddie Silberberg won their matches to give BGS a 3-1 lead. In the U13s Emily Mellor won 3-1

The collective ran a series of exciting workshops with pupils from Years 2 to 13 (6 to 18 year olds) including poetry recitals, open mic sessions, talks about their work, careers and life experiences and Q and A sessions throughout the afternoon.

Anthony Padgett said: "With the kind of postmodern age we're in where technology is everywhere and it's an essential part of who we are and what we do, it's nice to revisit the pleasures of reading and tradition. The barriers and boundaries between who is an author and who is a poet, who is a writer or a blogger, it's all so fragmented now. So it's so important to do this sort of thing where we can go back to experiencing that raw talent and I think that's a real pleasure for pupils to see and take part in."

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to take BGS into a 4-2 lead. Mahum Sheraz held her nerve to win the final match 3-1 to give BGS a victory 5-3.

In the final group matches with highly ranked players, BGS U13s finished second. The U19s received their trophies from England number 1 Kelly Sibley and the U13s from two previous winners from Archbishop Cranmer School. A great day for BGS and the highest ever finish from any girls' teams!

Well done to Hibah Mahmood, Sophie Yung, Maddy Silberberg and Olivia Dovernor (U19s) and Aliza Khaliq, Emily Mellor, Nithila Sampath and Mahum Sheraz (U13s).

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## Robotic award

Sophie Still, aged 14 from Leeds, is embracing Engineering's creative side as she became 'Mobile Robotic Engineering Challenge Winner' at an event held at Harper Adams University in Shropshire.

She enrolled herself on the Smallpeice Trust course after hearing about it from Mrs Flaherty, Head of Careers and Higher Education at BGS. It was a three-day residential event where Sophie met other Year 10 to Year 12 pupils from as far away as Kent and Scotland. Smallpeice make sure all their courses have half boys and half girls to encourage more girls into Engineering.

Sophie said: "The best part about the whole event was doing something I wouldn't normally get to do. The programming language I used was different to the one I have learned for my GCSE Computing. But I managed, once I got used to the curly braces and semi-colons."

Sixty plus pupils took part in programming a robot to complete different challenges. At the end of the three days the teenagers pitted their autonomous vehicles against each other in a series of competitions. Sophie won because her robot (named Gerald) scored the most points across all the challenges.

Mrs Harvey, Head of Computer Science at BGS said:

“...”  
We are very proud of Sophie. She has been studying her GCSE Computing for less than a year but has already developed amazing programming skills. She definitely recommends the event to other pupils interested in programming, electronics or robots.

### CAPTIONS

- 1 Louis d'Arcy, BGS Deputy Headmaster
- 2 Simon Hinchliffe, BGS Headmaster
- 3 The creative collective including Axel Scheffler, Anthony Padgett, Nick Toczek and Saci Lloyd
- 4 Sophie Still with award winning robot 'Gerald'



## Gold for Synchronisation

Esther Tucker, age 11, from Huddersfield, won the gold medal, alongside her partner for the Under 12s champions at the Yorkshire Spring regional competition for synchronized swimmers.

The regional competition, held at Spensborough, was where the Kirklees squad picked up an impressive range of medals and trophies and secured a 65-point lead in the race for the Millennium cup, awarded to the club with the most points at the end of the season.

Head coach, Jade Wyke, said: "This was a magnificent result for the club and we are all extremely proud of all our swimmers. The Yorkshire title is very dear to us, and one we worked extremely hard for, so we entered this competition determined to ensure the trophy and coveted championship title remains in Huddersfield."

“...”  
I was confident that we would do well, but you can never be too sure. I was delighted to win! I am really looking forward to more competing.

### Filming for BBC

A Year 5 pupil, India Burns, can be seen in a support role in a new six part BBC series 'The A Word' which gives an insight into autism in the family setting. As a pupil from Articulate Speech, Drama & Casting, India, alongside 60 other casting students, has been filming since November.

"It was an amazing experience to see how a TV programme comes together. I absolutely loved being part of the whole production and it has made me want to do more acting. The bacon sandwiches were yummy!" says India.

Stacey Burrows, Principal at Articulate Speech, Drama & Casting said: "The work that the Articulate kids put into this project was incredible. It wasn't the usual get up at 9 am and film in a warm studio for a couple of hours affair; instead the kids were up really early some days and filming in the freezing cold playgrounds of the snowy Lake District. It's really clear that the children absolutely loved the experience and the feedback about the Articulate kids from those on production was fabulous."

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### Pupil's talents are soaring in the world of Arts

Ruby Hendry, John Scholey, James Adam and Tabitha Wood are just four of our creative stars.

Ruby entered the Operatic Solo Class at the 110th Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, and was awarded first place with Distinction for her rendition of Handel's 'Heart the Seat of Soft Delight' where she received the 'Geldard trophy'.

John took part in the Rothwell Competitive Music Festival and performed very well in the "Boys' Solo, Settled/Emerging-adult Voices, 18 years and under" Class, where he gained a First with Distinction, singing Panis Angelicus.

Tabitha, age 12, recently played in the Bingley Music Festival and won the 15 and under recital with a distinction. She also won the open duet with another one of our pupils, 13-year-old James Adam.

Elizabeth White, Director of Music said:

“...”  
BGS subjects provide a great platform for creative thinking and we certainly embrace this!

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### Art trip to Paris

On 4 April, 19 very excited pupils and three Art teachers met for their Art trip to Paris. The visit included galleries and museums such as the Picasso National Museum, Musée d'Orsay and The Louvre.

The group was very much inspired by the African influence within Pablo Picasso's work and busily collected photographs and sketches in the time available.

The group also walked to the oldest park in Paris to develop their first set of drawings. The sun was shining down on Place De Vosges, children were playing in the sandpits and friends and families strolling and enjoying the calming environment.

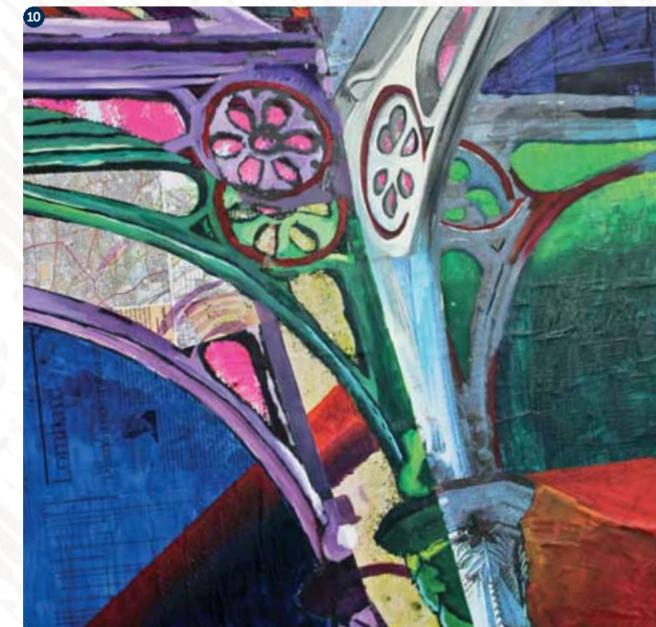
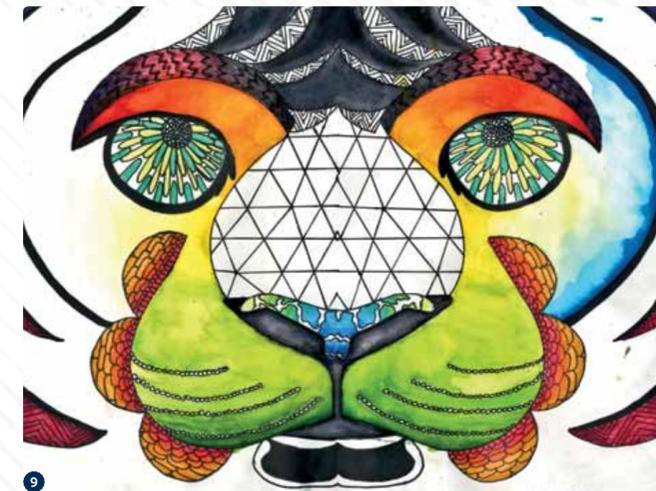
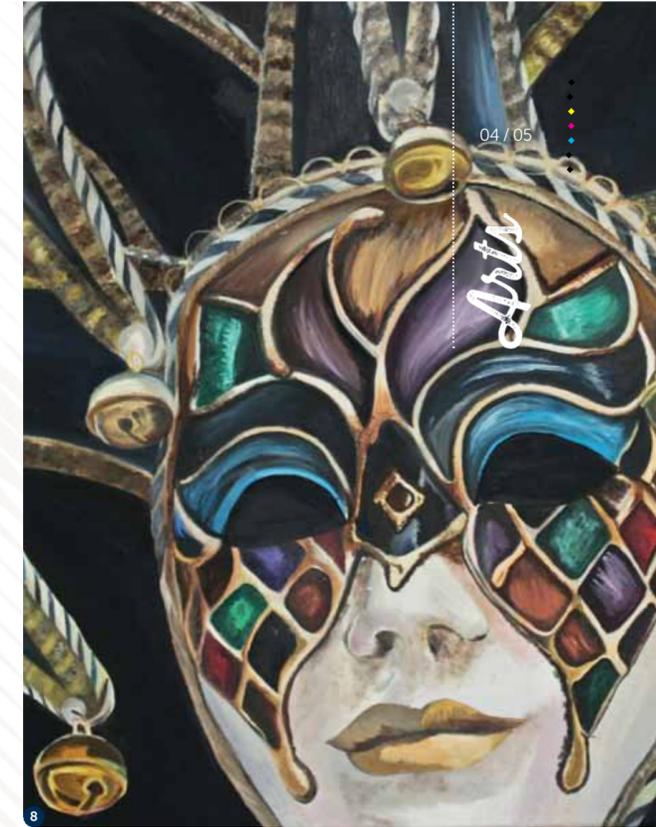
We will visit again soon!

### Shakespeare week

We celebrated Shakespeare Week this year to introduce primary aged children at BGS to Shakespeare's life, works and times in a fun and engaging way.

The week offered cross-curricular resources and activities to teachers and families inspiring them to explore Shakespeare in creative ways and bring Shakespeare to life for pupils.

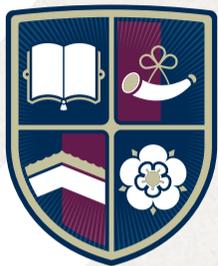
Over 11,000 schools and organisations celebrated and BGS will be sure to join the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in 2017.



CAPTIONS

- 1 Esther Tucker with her medals including Gold
- 2 John Scholey receiving his certificate and medal at the Rothwell Festival
- 3 Pupils getting inspired to develop their first set of drawings in Paris
- 4 Over 11,000 schools celebrated Shakespeare Week alongside BGS
- 5 Billy Lucas, age 16 from Huddersfield
- 6 Shiraaz Mohsin-Ali, age 18 from Bradford
- 7 Rabia Bashir, age 15 from Bradford
- 8 Lauren Kelly, age 18 from Bradford
- 9 Amy Claxton, age 14 from Bingley
- 10 Tom Wardale, age 16 from Ilkley

# OUR VALUES VISION AND



The new identity for Bradford Grammar School exists in two formats, a left-aligned vertical arrangement (as shown), plus a horizontal version. Both of these will be featured extensively within future BGS publications.

## Bradford Grammar School

This is Bradford Grammar School's new visual identity. It has been created following thorough research, consultation and a sensitive approach to the vital ingredients that make BGS a school of academic, sporting and creative excellence.

The aim of this publication is to provide an insight into the processes we have undertaken and outcomes created in order to produce an identity and 'tone of voice' to represent BGS today, and in the future.

Bradford Grammar School believes in providing every opportunity for its **Junior** and **Senior** pupils to embrace academic, sporting and creative excellence within an aspirational, caring environment, in which happiness is the key to an individual's success.

Mandarin is the primary colour we use to identify the Junior School at BGS. It represents warmth, optimism and freedom.

Jade is the primary colour we use to identify the Sixth Form at BGS. It represents growth, balance and positivity.

Excellence is at the very heart of BGS, it runs as a vein throughout the entire School. Everything we do should be touched by this.

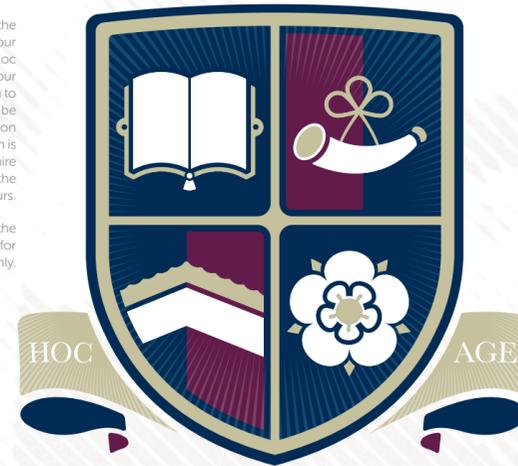
The statement above has been borne out of two years worth of consultation and research, which has defined our vision for the future and builds upon our unique heritage. From this, a new visual identity has been created to represent Bradford Grammar School. In order to convey the essence of the School, the Strapline shown below, which is a summary of our Values and 'Assets', should be used extensively. By doing so the School's message and image will become stronger.

This Strapline as well as our Assets will feature extensively within our future advertising.

**At ease with excellence**

This version of the crest features our School motto: Hoc Age inspires our determination to succeed. It can be translated as 'get on and do it', which is true of our Yorkshire heritage, and the School's endeavours.

This version of the crest is reserved for decorative usage only.



### Rediscovering our unique heritage

We are justifiably proud of our Yorkshire roots, so for the first time in our almost 500 year history we have incorporated the Yorkshire Rose into the School crest alongside redesigned iconography from the original version.

With a book to represent education; horn to symbolise the legend of the Bradford boar; and chevron offering the notion of protection, we believe that these elements will allow us to successfully promote and enhance the School's brand and reputation in a consistent and considered way, locally and nationally too.

### Three words that mean so much

The words shown below are the valued 'Assets' of BGS. They are intrinsic to the School and will be promoted whenever possible.

Additionally, **Experiences, Facilities, Heritage and Diversity** are extra Assets that underpin the essence of BGS. They are the important foundations upon which the three main Assets are built.

### Our Values

- Excellence** – we are committed to achieving the very best in everything we do.
- Compassion** – we treat every individual in a thoughtful and compassionate way.
- Determination** – our School motto, Hoc Age inspires us to 'get on and do it'.
- Opportunity** – we embrace and promote opportunities for ourselves and others.
- Service** – we understand that by giving to others we enrich our own lives.

Ultramarine, Byzantium and Goldstone are the core colours we use to represent Bradford Grammar School.

Based on our research, primary emphasis will always be placed upon Ultramarine with Byzantium and Goldstone occupying second and third-level positions in terms of visual hierarchy.

These colours will be used extensively throughout BGS publications.

**Excellence**  
**Opportunity**  
**Happiness**

# A visual signature we can all recognise ...

I hope that you will agree that the new identity sympathetically revises the existing crest and brings to the fore heritage components such as the Yorkshire Rose.



## Bradford Grammar School

When a large area of colour is used within a document, a 'white out' version of the BGS visual identity should be used. This ensures that the legibility of the School's brand is not compromised.

My name is Marc Silverside, and I am the Director of Communications, Development and Marketing at Bradford Grammar School. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you to explain my role, perhaps the best way to think of me is as the School's 'brand guardian', alongside Dr Hincliffe.

I, along with members of staff, have been working to refresh the School brand including the identity and 'logo' (crest). While this is only one aspect of the visual identity, it is highly visible and used on everything including stationery, blazers, signage, web and publicity. The review work I have been involved in has encompassed the School's Values, Mission Statement and other elements, which together help to define our 'brand'.

A key part of this process has been to create a single visual approach in order to move away from the use of the old 'roundel' logo and crest. These elements were confusing and diluted the overall effectiveness of our message, we were told. They were difficult to read when used at small sizes and hard to apply in a digital environment.

The culmination of this work has followed an in-depth process, revisiting a brief set two years ago, with input from the whole School

community, including Governors, pupils, parents and staff.

A School like BGS is all about people. Our pupils, parents and staff do more than anything else to represent us. A visual identity is a complementary layer that helps us to be consistent and achieve prominence.

I hope that you will be as equally pleased as I am that we have now settled upon and are beginning to build a coherent and effective visual approach, and tone of voice for the bright future of Bradford Grammar School.

I would be delighted to assist you with any queries you may have with regard to the correct usage of our new BGS identity. Furthermore, if necessary, I can supply you with elements of our visual toolkit to ensure we promote BGS in a consistent and considered way.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "M Silverside".

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# Prestigious Charter for BGS



The ceremony at BGS included guest of honour Peter Davey, President of Rotary International for Britain and Ireland (RIBI), Bradford District Chief Superintendent Simon Atkin of West Yorkshire Police and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Abid Hussain. Alongside these notable guests were Rotarians including Governors and Presidents across all local Yorkshire clubs.

Pupils have chosen three charities to support through the club: the Bradford Curry Project, that provides a free meals service for the homeless, poor and underprivileged people of Bradford; Marie Curie, who provide care and support for people living with any terminal illness; and WaterAid.

Jane Chapman, Pastoral Director said: "BGS has a long history of fundraising for charities, and compassion and service are among our school's core values. Involvement in the life of the city of Bradford is also hugely important to us.

This first club not only gives our pupils the opportunity to channel their considerable talents and energies into raising money for three wonderful charities, but also to work in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bradford, as they guide the development of our club and its projects.

It also enables our pupils to unlock a worldwide network with all manner of opportunities waiting for them later in life. I believe they will make the most of their club, and thank the Rotary Club of Bradford for giving them the opportunity to do so."

Headmaster Simon Hinchliffe said: "It's fabulous to be associated with Rotary and stand up for our communities both locally and overseas. As a school we want to support those who need help and strive to improve lives in our neighbourhoods. Like Rotary, this is because we believe that society works better when communities work together."

“...”

The creation of the Interact Club provides us with a fantastic opportunity to make a difference to the world in which we live.

MATTHEW COGAN

Pupil President of BGS Interact Club



The presentation of a New Charter by Rotary for the new 'Interact Club' at BGS took place in May. Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the most pressing humanitarian challenges around the world.

- CAPTIONS**
- 1 Hazel Haas, District 1040 District Governor, Peter Davey, President of Rotary International for Britain and Ireland (RIBI), BGS pupil Matthew Cogan, Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Abid Hussain and Alan Rogers, Bradford Rotary Club President
  - 2 The Rotary gang celebrating BGS's New charter
  - 3 Samba meets fairground at the BGS carnival Spring Fair
  - 4 The ultimate fair including Wipe-Out, Laser Maze, Helter Skelter, Farnell's 'off road' experience, donkey rides, Human Fruit Machine and more!
  - 5 Face painting at the Spring Fair
  - 6 Scott Hoath celebrating with pupils and special DofE plaque

## £1,500 raised for Barnardo's

A group of our Year 13 students meet and mentor a group of Young Carers every week to help with their school work. This improves the Young Carers' grades and gives them confidence in their own ability, and for a short time they can focus on themselves and not who they are caring for.

The Year 13 students motivate the Young Carers to raise self-esteem and confidence so that they can achieve more through education.

In March the School had a non-uniform day and sold Barnardo's merchandise. The day raised £1,500 for the charity which will be 150 years old this year. In recognition of this work the School was nominated for and won the Princess Diana Award for Volunteering and attended an awards ceremony at Barclays HQ in London. The scheme is in the process of being entered for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award given to volunteers across the UK.

## Get Social

Our social media channels including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn have all been keeping everyone up to date and showcasing the School.

Most recently we shared a new video 'Discovering Happiness at Bradford Grammar Junior School'. You can also watch 'Library Opening and Mini Literature Festival with the Gruffalo', 'Spring Fair 2016' and the 'Year 2 trip to Borrowdale'.

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# Spring Fair

The Parents' Association has had another busy year supporting and funding School projects. The 'Spring Fair', held in May, successfully blended Rio and Yorkshire to produce a superb carnival atmosphere.

We were fortunate in having Amanda Ashby as the Fair organiser. The sunshine on the day made it all the more enjoyable. The PA continue to fund small projects such as the Photography Competition which was available to pupils across the junior and senior schools; the purchase of several picnic benches which are in continual use by pupils; and provision of a bowling machine that is used by cricketers and hockey players.

Other events organised by, or contributed to by the PA include the 'Fun Hockey afternoon'. Our members have helped out at events such as the Family Farewell event for Year 13 parents, held for the first time at the end of May. Our meetings are well attended and provide an opportunity for like-minded parents to get together and share ideas. All parents are members of the PA and we look forward to continuing our partnership with School.

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## DofE success at Buckingham Palace

BGS attended a once in a lifetime Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace, London.

At the event Scott Hoath, BGS Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, was presented with a special plaque from the DofE Charity by celebrity supporters 'Yorkshire Rows', acknowledging the School's commitment to running the DofE and thanking it for giving young people the opportunity to transform their lives.

Speaking proudly about their involvement with the DofE Scott said: "BGS has held a licence to deliver the DofE for 2 years and I feel honoured to have been invited to Buckingham Palace to receive a commemorative plaque to acknowledge and say thank you for our work with the Charity during its Diamond Anniversary year."

“...”

BGS pupils are encouraged to push themselves and develop life-changing skills.

BGS has been delivering the DofE for 14 years and 563 pupils have achieved a DofE Award, and for Gold have taken part in a week-long residential. The DofE programme significantly impacts young people's futures, enabling them to develop vital skills for life, such as confidence, commitment, resilience and team work.

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## Year 13 Leavers' Lunch

Friday 20 May saw Year 13 celebrate their last day at BGS before going on exam leave. Following a collapsed timetable in the morning, an assembly including a slideshow of nostalgic photos, and a BBQ at the Pavilion, the traditional Tug of War took place on the Governors Lawn.

For the first time, a farewell event for parents ran alongside the students' event; we even managed to rope in a team of parents to take on students in the Tug of War! Thank you to everyone who came along – we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

## German Exchange

This Spring saw the fourth exchange between BGS and the Albert-Schweitzer-Schule, Hofgeismar, with a further 24 participants from each school taking part.

We welcomed our German guests to BGS in January, offering them a rich programme of activities including visits to the Royal Armouries in Leeds, the Media Museum in Bradford and exploring the new shopping centres of both cities, plus much more.

During February half term, it was our turn to experience German classrooms, enjoy local cuisine and learn about numerous aspects of German culture and history. Everybody who took part said that they enjoyed the trip very much,

spoke lots of German, and learned a great deal about German culture. We hope to organise the fifth exchange in 2017-2018.

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## Trip to Madrid

Pupils from Years 10 and 11 spent a week at the start of the Easter holidays exploring the spectacular Spanish capital.

The visit started with the Plaza Mayor and the Royal Palace. We then explored the beautiful Retiro Park and the Puerta del Sol. Famous for its art galleries, we enjoyed a visit to the Prado, where we saw many of the highlights of European Art, especially paintings by Goya and Velázquez. There was also a visit to the Reina Sofía Museum of Modern Art, home to the world famous Picasso painting 'Guernica'.

Two trips were taken out of the city including the beautiful town of El Escorial, with the famous monastery and burial place of the Spanish Royal Family, and the second to Alcalá de Henares, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of Spain's most illustrious author, Cervantes. We will most definitely return to this great city in the future!



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# Mystery egg

More than a metre long and half a metre in diameter, a mystery egg was discovered at Clock House.

The pupils examined the find, thought to have been laid over the weekend at the corner of the playground. The School's Health and Safety Manager Barry Thorn had apparently found the egg and he proceeded to tape off the area around it, and then stood guard throughout the day. Staff took the opportunity to get the children to use the egg as inspiration for their writing.

Neil Gabriel, the Junior School's Headmaster said:

“...”

Scientists in full breathing apparatus inspected the egg with care.

Charity Orviss, Director of Teaching and Learning said:

“The pupils were both excited and intrigued by its presence and it has been the source of much speculation.”

Pupil Jessica Bowie believed that a big bird flew over the playground with the egg and dropped it upon seeing all the children because it was scared, “I think the parent bird dropped the egg but I have three answers, it's a bird, a dinosaur or a unicorn. I want it to be a unicorn!”



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## Château de Baudonnière

It was our first time on a school trip to Normandy with Years 7, 8 and 12, and we were all so excited. The first day was jam packed with fun with a quick tour and sport, as well as a delicious breakfast. After lunch we made bread (which we ate at dinner).

On Tuesday we went to Aéroballé and had French lessons (which were hilarious). After our very tasty dinner we had orienteering. On Wednesday we visited the market and Mont St Michel, where we learnt some very interesting facts (Harry Potter's 'Diagon Alley' was filmed here!) We all loved the trip and would have loved to have stayed. It was an amazing experience.

E Town and L Wright  
BGS Year 7 pupils

## World Orienteering Day

All Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in a global Guinness World Record attempt to get the most people orienteering in one day with an aim of 250,000. It was a great success and the School helped to attain a new world record with 252,927 participants taking part worldwide.

Clubs from all over the world can make a fantastic contribution that benefits both education at school and development of orienteering.

The day increases the visibility and accessibility of the sport to young people and helps teachers to implement orienteering in a fun and educational way. The next World Orienteering Day will take place on 24 May 2017, and we'll be taking part.



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### CAPTIONS

- 1 Playing tug of war on the BGS lawn
- 2 Pupils getting ice cream and enjoying the Leavers' Lunch before exam leave
- 3 Pupils exploring the spectacular Spanish capital
- 4 Enjoying some traditional Spanish cuisine
- 5 Scientists inspecting the mystery egg
- 6 Record breakers at BGS

