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Rebecca secures gold for England!

Rebecca became the first female student in BGS history to don an England cross country vest – and won gold in the process.

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Year 11 student Rebecca F won gold in the inter boys and inter girls 4 x 1500m relay race in the Home Countries' International Cross Country race at Pembrey Country Park, in Wales.



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Welcome from the Headmaster

We carried some nice accolades and
recognition into the current (Spring) term.

Public attention was grabbed as national XC champs, a willing supporter of public benefit **partnerships** (Independent Schools Council), for wellbeing initiatives ('Times Educational Supplement'), social mobility ('Independent School Parent'), academic results ('The Sunday Times'), value for money ('The Daily Telegraph') and, in the language of the Independent Schools Inspectorate, as an all-round 'excellent' school.

At this time of year when the blossom comes forth around BGS and life is renewed, we can look forward to the future with confidence. But this is Bradford, Yorkshire and there's no hubris. We are proud of our collective achievements and remain honest. Plans are afoot to keep moving forwards, to improve and news of soon-to-be expected developments will follow. Creating the conditions for young people to thrive is the name of the game, and we are on with it!

Once again, the pages that follow in this latest edition of 'Hoc Age' provide an impression of the calibre of our young people and an insight into their busy and rich lives. Enjoy...

Dr Simon Hinchliffe

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27 April
Leavers Concert

28 April
Open Morning

28 April to 1 May
Silver DoE training
expedition

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MAY

3 May
Saxophone concert

12-13 May
Giving Day

13-16 May
Bronze DoE expedition

18 May
Leavers Lunch

20 May
Year 13 Leavers Walk

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15 June
Higher Education Day

16-20 June
Gold DoE expedition

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BGS hockey players are a 'strong force' for the future



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Said Rebecca: 'It was amazing to be selected for England so I was overjoyed when I won gold as well. When you start running when you're younger this is the dream you have – to one day run for England. It's been my goal for seven years, so in many ways it was surreal that it was happening. I really enjoyed it.'

The competition saw entrants from Wales, Ireland, England and Scotland. Rebecca, who runs with Bingley Harriers, has made many friends in the running world having competed regularly over the last few years.

She said: 'I've raced against them so many times but we're all friends. We run because we enjoy it. We all do the training and put the effort in but if we took it too seriously it would take away from the enjoyment of it.'

Like many of BGS's athletes, Rebecca enjoys the support the school offers to runners.

'The support is really good,' she said. 'We're lucky to have a running group which goes out at lunchtimes, and we have a good team atmosphere so quite a lot of us came to the finals in Kent (which determined England selection.) It takes some of the pressure off having friends there.'

As for future ambitions, Rebecca is happy to simply keep on running.

'I'll keep enjoying it and see what happens,' she said. 'Hopefully it will entail running more international races.'

Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster at BGS, said: 'We were incredibly proud of Rebecca simply being selected for England. It reflected all her talent and her hard work training, particularly through the wet winter months. To win gold was absolutely fantastic and we can't wait to see what she and her thriving BGS cross country teammates achieve over the next few months.'

The boys' hockey started this term throughout all age groups. This year was the first time we have fielded a genuine 1st XI side with only Year 11 and 12 boys playing. They have trained well and performed far beyond expectations, with a decent cup run being victorious against schools like St Peter's York, Sedbergh and Pocklington.



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Further down the school the numbers engaging with the programme are excellent. Some students are developing skills for the first time and others are being able to showcase their experience in national competitions. The U14 and U13 have been crowned County Champions and will continue to be a strong force in future years. Well done to all involved.

The U16 girls, having had a strong term in the autumn and ended their cup run against Scarborough College in the quarter finals of the Tier 2 National Cup.

Hockey U13 boys

Stan A
Kamran H
Oliver M
Zack B
Joe B
Harrison C

Frederick D
George A
William M
Rory W
Finlay J

CAPTIONS

- 1 England Inter Relay team, Carmarthen
- 2 Rebecca F, Year 11
- 3 Hockey U13 boys

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Outstanding season for cross country teams

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They earned that crown in comfortably winning both the ESAA XC Cup as well as the prestigious King Henry Relays. The team of Rebecca F, Amelie L, Emily G, Carla B, Elsa F and Grace D are currently head and shoulders above their nearest rivals. They have been rewarded for their successes with a trip to Slovakia to represent our nation's schools in the World Schools XC Event. The girls are eagerly looking forward to this trip in April.

Theo C, Alex's Bingley teammate joined the BGS Sixth Form in September and is a huge asset to the squad. Theo together with Ben and Alex represented West Yorkshire at last week's English Schools event in Kent. Phoebe M also made the team together with Rebecca, Amelie, Emily and Carla. We therefore had an impressive eight athletes from BGS qualify as individuals for the ESAA XC Championships.

Just to share a few more highlights from our leading female runners ... Rebecca F won the English Schools XC Cup race individually as well as the West Yorkshire Schools XC and she ran the 4th fastest leg of the day at the King Henry Relays. Most recently Rebecca also squeezed into the England team with her 10th place finish in the English Schools. Amelie L is the reigning ESAA Fell Champion and Emily G was herself this year crowned British Schools Orienteering Champion, winning both the classic day-time as well as the night-time orienteering events.

Our boys are also fortunate to be invited to accompany our girls at the forthcoming World Schools XC. We need to build on the momentum and indeed hope that the many successes of our Intermediate and Senior students will help motivate our younger athletes.

Alex F, Rebecca's elder brother, is our leading male runner. Now in Year 13, Alex has finally been able to benefit from the support of a team. Indeed, we fielded a team at the King Henry Relays for the first time in several years and the boys finished a commendable 9th. Alex himself was runner up in the West Yorkshire Schools XC and his younger teammate Ben H was similarly runner up in the Intermediate event.



BGS stars secure host of orienteering achievements



It has been a fantastic few months for our BGS orienteers. Over February half term, Year 12 student Emily G became British Night Orienteering Champion in her age category, following a storming run through the snow at night on Ilkley Moor to beat the best girls in the country.

Building on Emily's national success, in March, Year 9 student Henry S achieved a Bronze in the British Middle Distance Orienteering Championships at Rushmere.

It came as BGS orienteers returned from the British Schools Championships at Stowe, Buckinghamshire, in November last year with their best ever results, leaping up from eighth in 2019 to joint second place.

Captain Emily G (Year 12) and Vice-Captain Tom T (Year 11) won their categories, Joseph D was second Year 8 boy, and Henry S was third Year 9 boy. The Year 9 boys (Henry, Daniel and Ben) won their age category, as they did two years ago. Meanwhile, the Year 10 boys (Edwin, Mustafa and James) were third, reclaiming their podium spot from 2018. The nine counters who helped BGS to second position were Emily, Tom, Joseph, Henry, Daniel, Ben, Edwin, James, and Maya.

The race was the culmination of a weekend away which included a night orienteering session and an Italian meal. The team boasts several county-level athletes, and we look forward to success at the forthcoming British Sprint Championships at Leeds University in June.

BY DAVID ALCOCK, COACH

CAPTIONS

- 1 The BGS King Henry Relay team
- 2 The BGS orienteering squad at the British Schools Championships
- 3 Ben, Henry and Daniel with their Year 9 trophy in 2021
- 4 Harry, William and Henry with their Year 7 trophy in 2019
- 5 Emily G atop the British Night Championships podium, 2022
- 6 Emily G punches the finish to win the British Schools Championships, 2021
- 7 Tom T punches the finish to win the British Schools Championships, 2021



James' Jamboree fundraiser

Making flapjack for pampered pooches and busking in Halifax's Piece Hall are just two of the ways enterprising BGS pupil James N has been raising funds for his trip to a world Scouting event next year.

James, 13, of Halifax, has been delighted to secure a place at the 25th World Scouting Jamboree, in Korea, next August, which will welcome 40,000 youngsters from across the globe.

To fund his trip, James has to raise £3,800 and, so far, he has been selling sweets to fellow BGS pupils, baked goods, cleaning cars and selling flapjack made especially for dogs via a local coffee merchant. He has also busked on his violin in Halifax to raise funds and is planning a Race Night at Sidal Rugby Club on March 12 and a sponsored Coast to Coast cycle ride.

The teenager, who is a member of 35th All Saints Halifax Scouts, said he'd found raising a large amount of money daunting initially, but with the support of his family broke down the amount he needed to raise by each month and planned his fundraising activities.

Said James: 'I think it's really important we fundraise for this ourselves. It's part of the enjoyment of the whole thing. It teaches you courage, whether you're asking businesses for prizes for a raffle, organising race nights or selling sweets to pupils in school, it's all putting yourself out there. It also makes you quite entrepreneurial!'

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James was selected for the trip after taking part in a jamboree day at Bradley Wood Scout Campsite, in Brighouse, last year.

'I'm really looking forward to going and making new friends. I think it's going to be brilliant,' he added.

JAMES HAS SET UP A 'GO FUND ME' PAGE. FOR MORE DETAILS:

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Top teams for Table Tennis

This term has been a busy one for Schools Table Tennis. Bradford Grammar hosted the West Yorkshire Schools Individual with more than 100 pupils from West Yorkshire taking part in eight competitions and then the Zone Finals of the ESTTA Team Competition.

Bradford Grammar had team success with U16 girls and U13 boys qualifying as Zone Winners. The boys' team of Aarez A, Anish M, Neelen T, Billy T and Stanley W defeated Birkdale 6-2, Newcastle Under Lyme 7-1 and Beckfoot School 6-2. The girls defeated Newcastle Under Lyme school 5-3. Evie D, Emma M, Holly L and Brenda N also qualified for the Regional Finals in February.

CAPTIONS

- 1 James N
- 2 Table Tennis U16 girls
- 3 Table Tennis U13 boys

News from the Music Department

Although Christmas seems a distant memory now, the school was filled with the sound of music-making once again as we welcomed a 700-person-strong live audience for our Christmas Concert. Our large music groups were back with a bang and it was a wonderful evening of music, laughter and Christmas joy. The whole of Year 7 participated in a group song, 'Oye' with live Latin American percussion. Other highlights included our four school choirs singing a variety of Christmas music, and our wonderful bands and orchestras. Congratulations to everyone involved and to our parents and supporters for being a wonderful audience.

Joseph takes part in poignant children's opera

BGS student Joseph M enjoyed taking part in a thought-provoking production with the Opera North Youth Company.

Joseph M, 12, of Otley, appeared as the police officer in the production of the poignant children's opera, 'Brundibar', at the Howard Assembly Room, in Leeds and the Sage in Newcastle, the latter as part of the Brundibar Arts Festival.

The opera was written in 1938 by the Jewish composer Hans Krasa and tells the story of two children whose plan to help their sick mother pits them against an evil organ grinder.



In the week before Christmas, our school choirs and Senior Brass Ensemble took part in our Nine Lessons and Carols service at Bradford Cathedral. This service is a yearly highlight for many people, and this year was no exception. The choirs sang a variety of traditional and modern music, highlights being Sally Beamish's 'In the Stillness', James MacMillan's 'O Radiant Dawn' and a stunning combined-choir performance of Mack Wilberg's 'How Far is it to Bethlehem?' It really is a testament to our singers and choirs that we can perform music of such beauty to such a high standard.

A real high-point of the Spring Term was the joint Drama and Music production of 'My Fair Lady'. Performing to a packed Hockney Theatre for four performances in February, this show was the culmination of months of hard work, rehearsals after school,



weekends and hours of practice at home. The 17-piece orchestra sounded stunning and accompanied the musical so well. The chorus mastered the challenging chorus parts and the main roles delivered their songs with panache and aplomb. It was a truly wonderful production and one which will live in the memories of the performers forever!

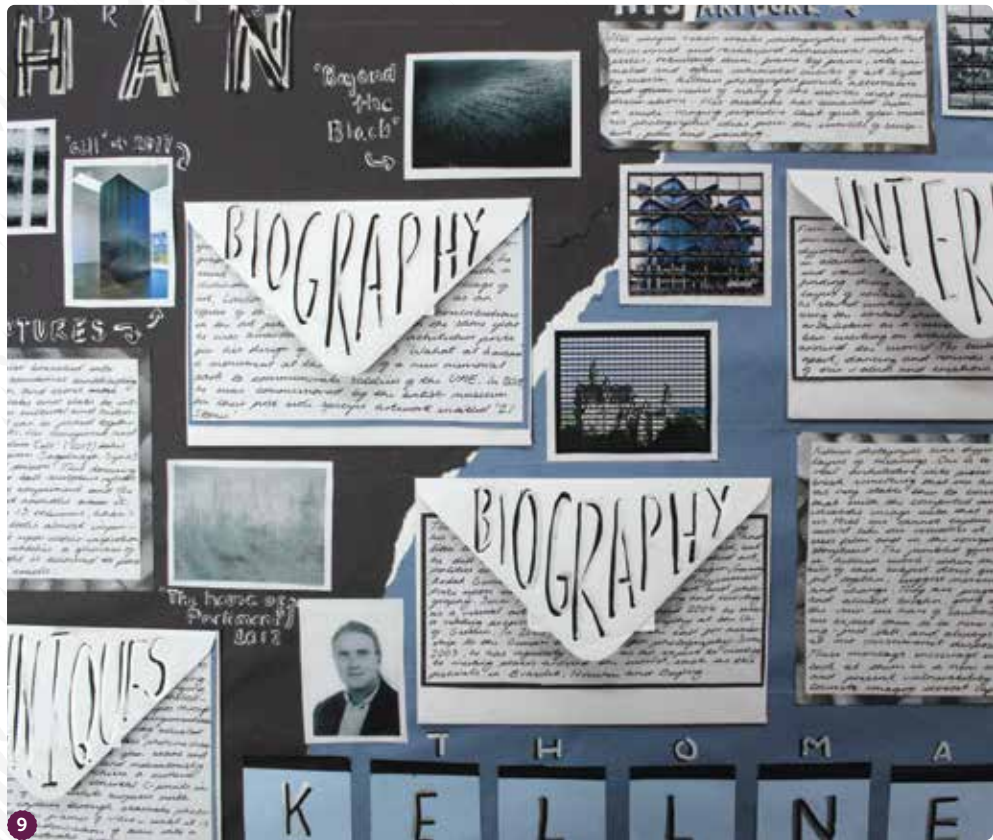
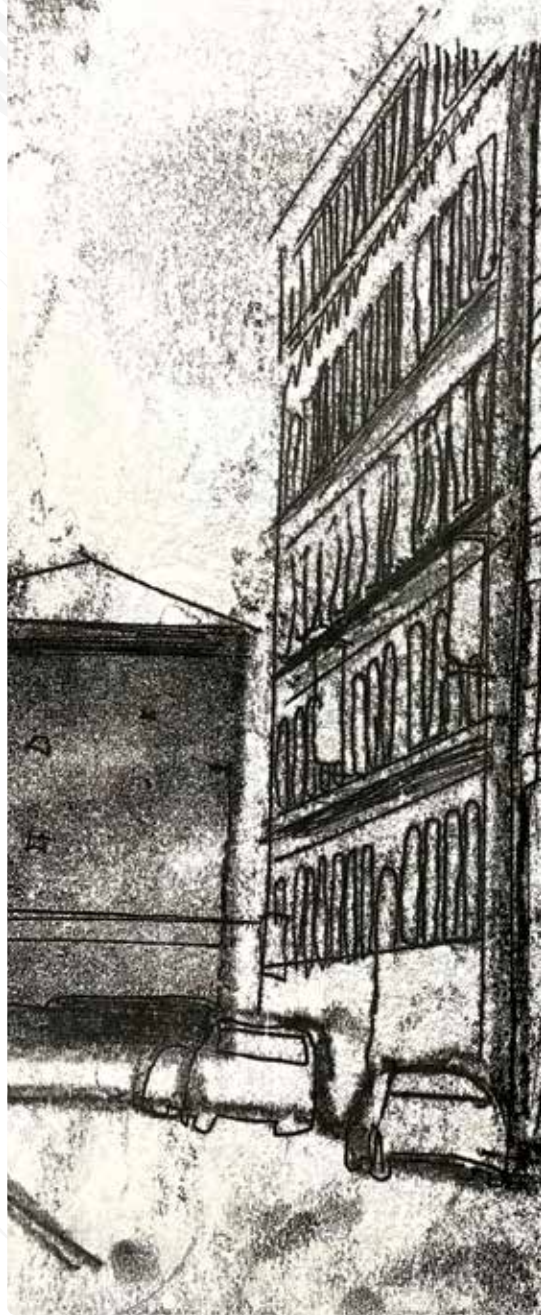
And so, we turn our thoughts to our remaining concerts this term. At the time of writing, preparations are underway for our Spring Chamber Concert and our Leavers' Concert very early in the summer term, on April 27th. We look forward to being able to say goodbye and good luck to our hard-working Year 13 musicians properly this year!

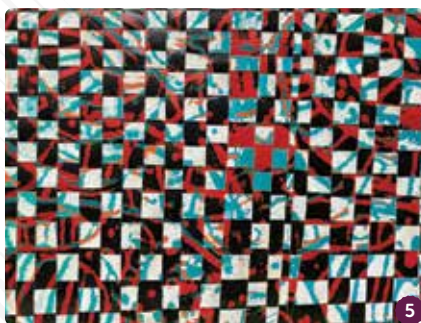
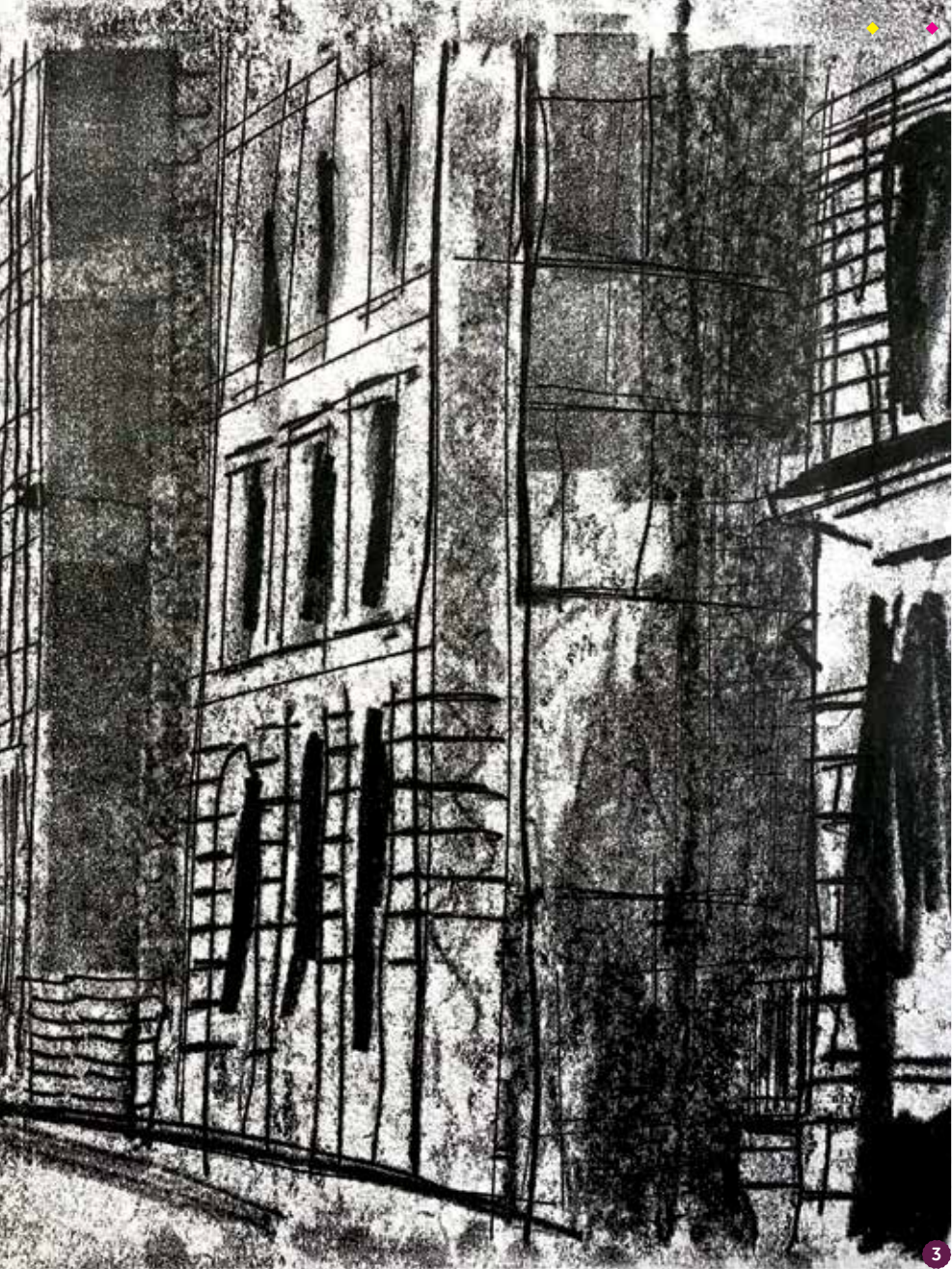
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CAPTIONS

- 1 Joseph M in 'Brundibar'
- 2 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
- 3 Soul Band





Artists of the term ...

- 1 Alice D, Year 7
- 2 Francis R, Year 9
- 3 Maryam Q, Year 10
- 4 Bea H, Year 10
- 5 Ella S, Year 8
- 6 Samee K, Year 9
- 7 Mahid M, Year 7
- 8 Sam D, Year 10
- 9 Zahra S, Year 10
- 10 Amelia B, Year 7
- 11 Laura T, Year 8
- 12 Clara M, Year 10
- 13 Abigail H, Year 9
- 14 Falaq K, Year 10



Top brass!

Congratulations to Mr Roberts, music and brass teacher, who will be conducting his brass band, Rothwell Temperance, at the Royal Albert Hall in the Brass Band National Championships of Great Britain later this year.

After finishing in the top two qualifying places, Rothwell will be representing Yorkshire and will be competing against the best brass bands from each region of the country. This prestigious contest is the culmination of weeks of fierce competition between brass bands from England, Scotland and Wales.

Mr Roberts has won the National Brass Band Championships twice as a cornet player with the Black Dyke Mills Band.

The Finals will be held in the Royal Albert Hall in London on Saturday October 15 and we wish Mr Roberts good luck!

CAPTIONS

- 1 Illustrator Chris Mould visits BGS
- 2 Packed audiences enjoyed a fantastic production of 'My Fair Lady' in February



BGS artists give back!

In February, budding artists from Years 9 and 10 welcomed award-winning illustrator Chris Mould to BGS. Chris is an ambassador for the children's hospice Forget Me Not, and pupils were delighted to present him with a cheque for funds raised in support of the charity, thanks to proceeds from the Biennial BGS Art Exhibition.

Chris's distinctive, slightly Gothic style will be immediately recognisable to anyone who enjoyed his reimagining of Ted Hughes' 'Iron Man', his contributions to a new illustrated edition of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm', or more recently, the TV adaptation Matt Haig's book 'A Boy Called Christmas', which Chris illustrated.

During his visit to BGS, Chris delivered a hugely enjoyable presentation on his artistic career to pupils and provided an injection of real artistic inspiration to the school day.

Edwardian Era with fantastic costumes for Ascot and the Embassy Ball.

Playing Eliza Doolittle, Jasmine M perfectly portrayed the head strong, confident flower girl whilst also delivering many soft and tender moments through her beautiful soprano voice. Tom A truly excelled playing the rather uppity Professor Higgins who the audience grow to like, as his caring and nurturing side towards Eliza, is slowly revealed. Both Tom and Jasmine were captivating in many of their solos, my favourites being the spectacular 'I'm an Ordinary Man' and expertly performed 'Just You Wait'. Connor E also brought a comedic charm to the smooth-talking cockney dustman, Alfred Doolittle, showcasing his singing abilities in the humorous song, 'Get me to the church on time'. And George W endeared himself to the audience as a bumbling and hilarious Colonel Pickering.

As well as the performers, the orchestra, conducted by Miss White, shone through the overture and interludes that encapsulated the old-fashioned feel of this classic musical. The production team, expertly led by Mr Dutton, beautifully captured the romance of the era, with an elegant set and subtle lighting.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Sharp who directed the production and everyone who put so much time and effort into creating such a successful show!

BY IZZY B

This year's musical production of 'My Fair Lady' was a huge success with sold out audiences over four incredible performances in early February. With over 50 students from year 7 to sixth form involved as performers, musicians and backstage crew, the range of talent here at BGS was expertly on show.

Based on the 1913 play, 'Pygmalion', 'My Fair Lady' tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who takes speech lessons from Professor Henry Higgins, a phonetician, so that she may pass as a lady in high society. It first opened on Broadway in 1956, starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews and soon set a record for the longest run of any musical on Broadway up to that time. With the well-known songs 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely' and 'The Rain In Spain', it transported you back in time to the

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It was a privilege to enjoy a school show of such high quality.

DR SIMON HINCHLIFFE,
HEADMASTER

'My Fair Lady' delights audiences across four sell out shows!



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Welcome from the Junior School Headmaster

The children in the Junior School have collaborated on a variety of projects and activities during the Spring term.

In the process, they have developed their teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Year 5 pupils embarked upon their own self-directed enterprise project which they carefully planned and ran to generate a profit. The Year 6 STEM ambassadors worked together on an exciting digital project run by the European Space Agency, where they created code to send a digital message to the International Space Station! The whole school joined together to celebrate World Book Day, taking part in a whole school activity to share their favourite books and love of reading with each other across all year groups.

The Spring term has seen a welcome return of the school residential with Year 4 pupils embarking on a visit to an outdoor education centre. This represented the first Junior School residential for two years due to the pandemic. The whole year group took part in a number of exciting activities including climbing, raft building and crate stacking.

Learning to work together with others, effectively, is an important life skill and I have been delighted with the teamwork displayed by the children.

Our Junior Journalists have been busy working as a team to 'lift the lid' on life in the Junior School. I do hope you enjoy finding out more about events in Clock House this term.

Mr Richard Ribeiro
Junior School Headmaster

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25-26 April
Year 3 residential trip,
Dearne Valley
28 April
Open Morning
11-13 May
Year 6 residential trip,
Hawkshead YHA, Lake District
17 May
Brownlee Triathlon

*All events may be
subject to change

JUN/JUL

7 June
Sports Day
14 June
New Pupils' Day
17-18 June
Year 2 residential trip,
Borrowdale, Lake District
22 June
Grandparents' Day
1 July
Clock House Prize Giving
4 July
Year 6 to Year 7
Transition Day

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A return to residential fun for our Junior School pupils!

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1-3 Year 4
residential visit

We have seen a delighted return to residential this term, starting with the Year 4 visit to Robin Wood and Year 5 trip to Bewerley Park.

For some pupils, this was a first stay away from home, but they all leapt in with two feet and did the teachers proud. These trips develop all sorts of skills such as collaboration, communication and problem solving. They continue to benefit the pupils when they return.

The children tackled a piranha pool, went weaseling, and even completed a giant leap of faith from telegraph pole to trapeze at a dizzying twelve metres.

In the words of one Year 4 child: 'Now I've been to Robin Wood, I know that one day I'll be able to travel around the globe.'

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I KNOW THAT ONE DAY I'LL BE ABLE
TO TRAVEL AROUND THE GLOBE ...



CAPTIONS

- 1 New Clock House pupil, Teddy
- 2 The Year 6 (and four Year 5) girls Netball team

We chat to new Clock House pupil, Teddy ...

Throughout the years of Bradford Grammar School, many new students have joined the school at different points throughout the academic year. Pupils and staff pride themselves in the friendly welcome we often show, but what is it really like to join a new school, mid-year? We spoke to Teddy, new to Clock House in January, who shared his experiences so far.

Teddy has settled in well, however it has been difficult for him to find his way around the school since it is much larger than his previous school.

Teddy confirmed he has no relatives in this school, but he has already made friends. At his old school, his form was very noisy, and due to this he had to miss out on lots of break times and PE lessons to catch up on work missed due to the disruption.

Teddy is a natural musician and he really enjoys the subject, especially playing the ukulele.

'I have tried lots of new things since joining Clock House including hockey, rugby and humanities, however my favourite sports are cricket and football.'

We look forward to an update in the summer term!

BY RAYYAN A

Past generations at BGS

Bradford Grammar School is a prestigious place of education that generations of pupils have attended over the years. It has changed since its opening in 1548, but through further discoveries we have found that several of our pupils have parents, uncles, aunts, and grandparents that have attended BGS over the years.

Mr Amini, who is currently running for a school governorship, attended this school several years ago. His daughter, Aimen, is currently in Year Five at Clock House having followed in his footsteps. Mr Amini enjoyed lessons in the classroom and took his study seriously.

Alizah's dad, Mr Sohail Ali, attended BGS in 1997 through to 2005. He is now a solicitor and his good friend from his school days, Dr J Brearley, is now a successful oceanographer. He enjoyed chemistry and played team sports such as rugby, cricket and basketball.

BY MORGAN W AND ANNABEL W

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Clock House netballers score high in HMC fixture

On March 2, a team of Year 6 girls (and four Year 5s) went to Hull to play in the Headmasters' Conference (HMC) netball.

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The girls were tremendous and gave a great account of themselves and BGS sport!

BGS brought two teams: an A team and a B team. Jaina from 5MH, who loves netball said: 'I really enjoyed it, it was an experience that will stay with me forever!'

Mrs Jones and Miss Smith were on the fixture too and they were very supportive on the way.

Despite the miserable weather all day, the A team got into the Cup semi-final by winning all seven games in a row. Unfortunately, their first loss was against GSAL (5-8) – they were then placed joint third in the North of England, Independent Schools' League.

The B team got into the final in the Bowl Competition against Chorister, Durham School. At full time, the score was 2-2. The winning team was decided by a 'golden goal'.

Annabel, who was Goal Defence and Goalkeeper (she is very tall), had a great day out. Charlotte from 5M said: 'I felt very excited, and it was a memory that I will never forget.'

Mrs Jones said: 'The girls were tremendous and gave a great account of themselves and BGS sport! Overall, the girls are in the top 4 teams in HMC North, and this is a huge achievement.'

Well done to the girls and thank you to the staff for the opportunity to play.

BY FLORENCE A

'No one should have to fit into a mould in order to thrive.'

A few years ago, I went on an Aspiring Heads course. There were around 100 of us and we had two days of training followed by a smart dinner. I really loved meeting other deputy heads and finding out about other schools and the way they were run. On the final day, we were asked to do a personality test where the room was divided up into four quarters. I can't remember exactly what each section was for, but by the end of the test, more than 70 per cent of the room was standing in one particular quarter – and I wasn't with them!



I ended up in a quarter where there was only six or seven of us and it threw me. I looked around the room at the other aspiring heads and I started questioning myself. Did this result mean I wasn't cut out to be a head after all? I thought.

Then I spotted someone in my quarter who I recognised. Earlier in the course, an experienced head, of about 15 years, had given what I felt to be a fascinating presentation on his specific aim to make sure that no child in his school was forgotten. He wanted to ensure every child's talent and ability was recognised and he never wanted to hear the words: I'm fine. He'd come up with a very successful system to ensure he never heard those words.

So, there I was, standing in the minority, questioning whether I had the right personality to be a headteacher and I spied him, the one who had spoken so eloquently and passionately about the special qualities he fostered in his children. He was in my quarter. I thought to myself, I might be in the smallest group, but the one who I admire the most at this whole event as a leader is standing in my corner. He was an outstanding head, and he was a different type of leader who was making a real difference to the lives of his students. If he could do it, then maybe I could too.

Today, as headmaster of the Junior School, it's important that our children become fearless in their approach to learning, and that they have the freedom and courage to stand strong if they don't follow the main crowd. We want to see them comfortable to speak out and contribute without fear of repercussions, whether that's constructing a sentence in a different way or solving a maths problem using a new strategy.

Everyone is different and has their own unique qualities. I love nothing more than walking around school and finding out about the children's passions and hobbies outside of the Clock House gates and what makes them tick. One of our pupils is a go karting champion, another loves Japanese manga comics. To me, this tells the child that I'm interested in their life and that's really important.

Being different is welcomed and celebrated at the Junior School. No one should have to fit into a mould or be the same as everyone else to thrive – not a member of staff, not our wonderful pupils, and certainly not a headteacher.

BY RICHARD RIBEIRO, JUNIOR SCHOOL HEADMASTER



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At Clock House we celebrate the unique qualities of every student

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Year 6 Taster Day – Art department experience

Prospective students who successfully completed the BGS entrance exam took part in a fantastic taster day which involved a session in the Art department in February.

The sessions were run by Mr Thornton and Miss Hunter and took inspiration from the work of British artist and illustrator Mark Hearld by creating an exciting three-dimensional printed bird sculpture.

The students used print and collage and created repeated surface patterns. They took home a lovely free hanging piece of artwork as a memento of the fabulous afternoon experienced in the Art department.



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News from the Development Office

Here in the Development Office, we've been delighted by the success of the 1662 Campaign for Assisted Places, which is changing lives and widening access to BGS for bright young people in our region. More than 230 Old Bradfordians and friends have raised £1.5 million to date, helping us on our mission to double the number of students who benefit from Assisted Places from 10 to 20 per cent of the school community.

This is just the start. BGS is launching its first ever Giving Day on 12-13 May, celebrating all things BGS with Old Bradfordians across the world! The goal? To use the experiences of everyone here at BGS to inspire even more support for our award-winning campaign.

We are seeking student and parent ambassadors to share stories about life at BGS, so that wherever they are, Old Bradfordians feel connected to today's BGS. Who knows, perhaps yours will be the story to inspire a donation?!

To learn more about being involved, contact Lindsey Davis at ldavis@bradfordgrammar.com or on 01274 553712.

LINDSEY DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Young Carers

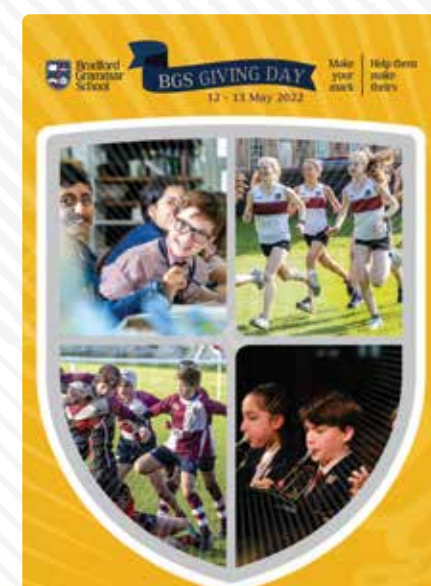
Every Thursday evening from 4.00pm until 6.00pm a dozen Young Carers from across the Bradford District come to Bradford Grammar School to receive academic help and support from ten Year 12 Volunteers.

Our Volunteers are helping the students academically in Maths, English, Science, Design Technology or any other academic needs. The two hours are mutually beneficial with our students developing useful tutoring and mentoring skills and the young carers receiving academic and emotional support. Ketisha Dale, The Senior Leader from Young Carers, has been really pleased by the impact our sixth formers have made in just a few weeks.

The group will continue to meet on Thursdays until Easter.

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Old Bradfordian drop-ins

It's been wonderful to
welcome Old Bradfordians
back to school again.

Over the last few months, student volunteers have hosted Old Bradfordians at BGS, having the opportunity to learn more about BGS history, provide conversation and share school news with locally based former students.

Christmas quizzes, archival school ephemera, and shared experience across the years proved illuminating and great fun for students and Old Bradfordians alike!

As life returns to normal, we are now looking to expand our events programme and connect with Old Bradfordians across the generations. We are particularly interested in seeking new, interesting venues in the centre of Leeds or Bradford – if you are able to help us access venues for socials and networking events, please get in touch via email at ldavis@bradfordgrammar.com

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On the trail of the Tudors ...

Despite everything, including a very unhelpful M1, the Year 13 Historians made it to London for their residential Tudor Trail in January.

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The highlight turned out to be a bespoke tour of Westminster Abbey which included a proper close-up of Henry VII’s magnificent tomb in the Lady Chapel.

We also managed a good tour of an unsurprisingly empty London by foot and river. The final stop on the way home was Kenilworth Castle to see how Leicester welcomed Elizabeth I on her royal progresses. It was good to get out.

London Classics Trip

UCL’s lively and unorthodox production of Euripides’ ‘Electra’, along with a talk from Dr Michael Loy, gave Greek and Classical Civilisation students from Years 9 to 13 insights into the staging of Greek tragedies.

The highlight for most of us, though, was an out-of-hours tour of the British Museum’s Greek galleries, with an inspiring and thought-provoking introduction by an archaeologist from UCL.

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- CAPTIONS
- 1 Year 13 Historians at Westminster Abbey
 - 2 Year 13 Historians at the Tower of London
 - 3 Role-playing faction in the court of Henry VIII at Hampton Court
 - 4 Lounging around the Field of the Cloth of Gold wine fountain at Hampton Court
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