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From Classics to the Commonwealth Games!

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Classics teacher
Jack Oliver is celebrating
after being selected
to represent England
at weightlifting in the
Commonwealth
Games ...





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Welcome from the Headmaster

I write this at the end of a normal School year. It is magic to be able to say that after the disruption of recent times.

Lessons, trips, recitals, concerts and plays, clubs, societies, competitions, sports fixtures and tournaments, fundraising, the calendar of OB events, open days and mornings, even exams ... the fabric of BGS routine. And it is quite a routine as the pages that follow attest – 'normal', BGS style.

We reflect on the year at our annual Junior and Senior School Prizegiving and Speech Days. Needless to say, there is much to celebrate, and our young people have enjoyed a great year – no doubt. The rewards of a positive 'can-do' attitude and secure work habit pay off. Meaningful rewards are rarely immediate, but they do come to those who model our Hoc Age motto. I am proud of our pupils and excited about the people they are becoming. The summer break will provide an opportunity for a rest, breathing space, and then we go again, embracing new opportunities, bettering ourselves and taking our School forwards.

Well done all, and thank you BGS families and friends for your support. Enjoy the summer and do take good care.

Dr Simon Hinchliffe

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13 September
Year 7 Assisted Place Open-Evening

20 September
Founders' Day

22 September
Sixth Form Open Morning

1 October
Open Day

12 October
Year 7 Information Evening

15 October
OBA Annual Dinner

18 October
Year 9 Faiths in the City

22 October
Orchestral Fun Outreach Day

NOV

3 November
Sixth Form Information Evening

8 November
Open Morning

16 November
Year 11 Parents' Evening

22 November
Year 13 Parents' Evening

DEC

3 December
Rugby Annual Ball

6 December
Christmas Concert

7 December
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8 December
Year 9 Parents' Evening

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Nine Lessons and Carols

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Mr Oliver, who teaches Latin at BGS, has been using the school's gym during the evening so he can fit his training around his busy teaching schedule and commute.

He is hoping his hard work will pay off on July 31 when he represents England in the 73kg category at the games in Birmingham.

Said Mr Oliver: 'I thought I'd done my last games but here I am, training for the next one. I'm really excited about taking part and thought I'd have one last crack at it.'

Originally from London, Mr Oliver began weightlifting when he was 14 when his gymnastics club converted a former broom cupboard into a weightlifting gym.

He went on to compete professionally for 17 years and has a silver medal from the 2018 Commonwealth Games and came tenth in the weightlifting 77kg category during the London Olympics in 2012.

'The London Olympics was amazing with it being on home soil. When they announced my name and I heard the crowd cheering it was fantastic, an unforgettable experience,' he said.

Mr Oliver, who joined BGS in 2018, had almost retired from the sport due to injury when in early 2021, during the pandemic, he went to the gym with a friend and started lifting again.

“...”

... he has shown amazing resilience and determination to come back from some nasty injuries to compete ...

**DR SIMON HINCHLIFFE,
HEADMASTER**

'I remembered how much I enjoyed it,' he said. 'I'm still enjoying it, but we'll see. It's brilliant to be taking part and have another go at it.'

Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster at BGS, said: 'Mr Oliver has shown amazing resilience and determination to come back from some nasty injuries to compete in the Commonwealth Games. He's a great role model for the students here and we're very proud of him.'



BGS students celebrate World Schools Cross Country Championships success

A talented team of runners were celebrating again after returning to Bradford as world schools cross country champions.

The teenagers competed for BGS in the ISF World Schools Cross Country Championships, in Slovakia, where the girls' team were placed first overall.

Students Rebecca F, Grace D, Emily G, Amelie L, Elsa F and Carla B, who run for clubs across West Yorkshire including Bingley Harriers, Wharfedale Harriers and Ilkley Harriers, were delighted by the result.

Meanwhile the boys' team of Joe H, Ben H, Theo C and Alex F ran their socks off to come seventh out of 13 teams across the world.

The latest girls' victory comes after the first female student in BGS's history to wear an England vest, Rebecca F, competed in the Home Countries' International Cross Country race where she won gold in the inter girls 4x1500m relay race. Rebecca gained a silver medal in the world schools cross country championships, ensuring the team took the top spot overall.

Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster at BGS, said: 'BGS runners are enjoying a fantastic season and for the girls to be crowned world schools champions is a credit to the school and to themselves. They've all trained hard to get where they are and we're incredibly proud. I'm sure they'll remember this moment for the rest of their lives.'

CAPTIONS

1 Jack Oliver, a Latin teacher at Bradford Grammar School who is taking part in the Commonwealth Games

2 World Schools Cross Country Champions: (L-R) Rebecca F, Grace D, Emily G, Amelie L, Elsa F and Carla B



CAPTIONS

1 Amelie L

2 Mr David Birch,
BGS Specialist
Hockey Coach

3 Dan Scarbrough
with the Yorkshire
County Men's XV

Amelie races in Spanish mountains

At the time of going to Press, Amelie L was heading to the Canary Islands after being selected to compete for the Great Britain team at the European Mountain Running Championships.

Amelie was due to run in the innovative continental championship, which combines the disciplines of trail and mountain running, in El Paso, on the Spanish island of La Palma over the weekend of July 1-3.



Rugby support for #ThisIsLuke

BGS's Specialist Rugby Coach, Dan Scarbrough, was Head Coach of Yorkshire County Men's XV this season in the England Rugby Bill Beaumont County Championship 2022.

This season the championship consisted of two games with Yorkshire travelling up to Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC on Sat May 7 to face Northumberland, followed by the War of the Roses match against Lancashire on Sat May 14 at West Park Leeds as part of the Yorkshire RFU 'Grand Day Out' played as a double header fixture with the Yorkshire Women's team.

The team won both games scoring more than four tries in each to take maximum points in the league, with Harry Boyd an Old Bradfordian taking part on the wing and scoring against Northumberland with his first touch of the ball.

Next season will see an extra match with the finalists playing at the home of rugby at Twickenham stadium.

The match supported the #ThisIsLuke fundraising efforts for an eight-year-old ex-Skipton Rugby player who lost his limbs to meningitis.

BGS hockey coach graduates from Great Britain programme

BGS' David Birch was celebrating in June after graduating from the Great Britain Hockey Advanced Coaching Programme.

The prestigious programme only accepts 30 applicants per cohort, including 20 from England, five from Wales and five from Scotland.

Mr Birch, a Specialist Hockey Coach at BGS, has spent three years having the opportunity to further his learning, including at camps featuring various England Age Group Squads.

He said: 'I've learnt so much from it and it was amazing how much detail the coaches would give. I really welcomed the opportunity to observe them close up. The programme has been really excellent for developing my knowledge beyond what technical and tactical aspects are delivered on the pitch, I now consider the psych-social, mental and physiological needs of all players.'

“...”

The programme has been really excellent for developing my knowledge ...

'The kids at school are just getting better and better and there are a couple of really promising young players progressing well in the England Hockey pathway. I've really enjoyed putting all I've learned into practice.'

Mr Birch graduated at a ceremony in June at the Hockey and Tennis Centre at Olympic Park. Great Britain's most successful ever coach, Danny Kerry, who was the coach of the Rio 2016 gold medal winning side, presented David his programme certificate. He is currently studying for a Masters in Coaching at Leeds University.

A busy and successful sporting summer term at BGS

It's been great to see students embrace the summer sports programmes here at Bradford Grammar. It seems like such a long time ago since we had an uninterrupted summer sport programme.

Athletics has seen the return of the Bradford Grammar Athletics League with local schools coming to compete across different disciplines. This is a great opportunity for the students to compete on a more familiar level. We've had three of the four squads qualify for the regional round of the ESAA Cup plus plenty of representation from the students for the City of Bradford in the West Yorkshire Championships.

Cricket has returned for both the boys and girls with both hard ball and soft ball matches. The familiar fixture list and cup competitions have been welcomed back with the games being as competitive as ever.

The six-a-side competitions are a welcomed variation of the format to really test the students' skills under pressure. This year has seen us put our very first all-girl hard ball side against a local club side in what was a fantastic match that went to the very last ball. I am

sure these occasions will become regulars on the fixture list and inspire the girls to enjoy the game of cricket.

The gymnasts also had a super run out at the English School Gymnastics Association National Finals. They have all been working exceptionally hard to prepare for this and secured fourth place, narrowly missing out on bronze.

The rowers have been enjoying the good weather out on the river with a mix of Saturday training and regattas across the North of England. They've competed well across the age groups against strong opposition. The whole squad has really shown what they are capable of this year with the first eight flying well in Durham and Bella M finishing 4th in the National Junior Sculling Regatta.

The tennis programme has been as busy as ever with the normal block fixture taking place alongside a mix of mid-week friendlies, Local Schools League schools' tennis festivals and the introduction of Bradford Park League Matches.

The standard has been great to see with more students than ever playing in competitive matches. The all-year-round tennis programme is really having an impact on the students making sure they are ready for action come the summer months.

Well done to everyone who has been training and competing well this term.

BY OLLIE ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF SPORT

CAPTIONS
1 Year 8 girls' hardball team





Artists of the term ...

- 1 Francis R, Year 9
- 2 Sophie L S, Year 9
- 3 Isabelle S, Millie C, Erin B, Year 8
- 4 Kathryn D, Year 8
- 5 Alice M, Year 7
- 6 Freddie H, Year 7
- 7 Nurayni G, Year 7
- 8 Phoebe M, Year 10
- 9 Lara T, Year 10
- 10 Lizzy G, Year 10





The beat goes on – Taiko style

Mr Verfuert, who runs our Japanese club, organised a Taiko drumming day with the generous support of the Japan Foundation.

The whole of Year 7 took part in the workshops where they learned about the history behind this musical artform and had a go at playing the different sized drums. They quickly picked up some very complicated rhythms!

The day finished with a spectacular and rousing performance by the professional drummers – an excellent whole-school assembly to celebrate the end of term.

From September, we're excited to offer Japanese as an enrichment course on the Sixth Form curriculum.

CAPTIONS

1 Japanese Taiko drumming



‘It’s been a wonderful year in the Music department ...’

We are coming to the end of a very busy and very ‘normal’ term in Music as I write. We have all appreciated being able to hold our concerts and rehearsals without disruption this year and we have achieved so much and had great fun doing so.

Our Leavers’ Concert, in the Price Hall was the first to be held ‘live’ in two years and it was a wonderful occasion. We got to say goodbye to our Year 13s properly, as well as hear ensemble performances from our many choirs, bands and orchestras. Highlights of the concert were the many solos from our leaving Year 13s. Music ranged from ‘Phantom of the Opera’ to a Chopin ‘Prelude’, Jazz and Pop numbers. The Year 13s have given so much to the Music Department at BGS and the concert was a fitting way to say thank you and goodbye to them.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our summer concert in the Hockney Theatre and a final session of Trinity Music exams.

It’s been a wonderful year in the Music Department, with pupils showing true Hoc Age spirit and enjoying making music in person again! We are busy planning for next year ... watch this space!

**BY ELIZABETH WHITE,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**



“...”

I was amazed when I heard we’d been selected ...



England call up for dancer Charlotte

At the time of going to Press, talented dancer Charlott D was delighted to be heading to Spain after being selected with her team to represent England in The Dance World Cup.

The Year 9 student travelled to San Sebastian, Spain with her teammates from Shine Theatre Arts, in Halifax, to compete against 10,000 dancers from 62 countries in the finals of the two-week competition.

‘I was amazed when I heard we’d been selected,’ said Charlotte. ‘We were chosen to perform for England in six group dances. When I found out that we’d qualified for the finals, I knew my team and I would have to work harder than we ever had before as we were competing against thousands of incredible dancers.

‘Up until this point I’d only done smaller competitions, so I was really excited to take part in a competition so large. I was nervous, but I knew I had my dance school with me and that they would be there to support me.’

Charlotte, who also acts, sings and plays piano and violin, began dancing at the age of three when she took baby ballet classes. She now trains for seven hours a week in a variety of dance styles.

‘I love to dance at Shine because it’s a welcoming environment where I can learn a sport and an expressive art form while being with my friends,’ she added.

CAPTIONS
1 Harry B, Edwin V L, Alfie S
2 Charlotte D who danced for England in San Sebastian
3 Charlotte D
 © Kate Frost

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Welcome from the Junior School Headmaster

It has been all systems go in the Junior School ...

... during the Summer term with so much taking place that it's a little difficult to know where to start! There's been purposeful learning in the classrooms and a plethora of activities and opportunities in the wider curriculum. Our trips and events are all back up and running and we have welcomed the opportunity to have parents at our events.

We welcomed the return of the Young Voices event and children in Years 4, 5, and 6 made the journey to Sheffield to sing with thousands of children from schools across the region. The Clock House children also enjoyed participating in the Brownlee Triathlon at BGS. Sports Day was blessed with fine weather and provided sport for all opportunities culminating in a house tug 'o' war competition.

Every year group has benefited from their own residential visit where the children have had opportunities to develop as a team, challenge themselves and develop confidence, all while having fun. We learned about the decades of the Queen's reign as part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, with each class researching a decade and presenting their findings to the School. We also enjoyed hosting Clock House families for a red, white and blue jubilee picnic at the Senior School pavilion.

It's not only the children who have been thriving, the flowers, plants and vegetables tended to by the children in our school garden club have also been flourishing this term.

A personal highlight is noticing, from my office, the Year 4 pupils (the plant monitors) carefully watering the hanging baskets outside the front of Clock House. These moments of care and attention may be small but are important parts of the Clock House experience.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the 'Hoc Age' magazine.

Mr Richard Ribeiro
Junior School Headmaster

SEP/OCT

15 September
Autumn Welcome Event
20 September
Founders' Day
1 October
Open Day
6 October
National Poetry Day

*All events may be
subject to change

NOV/DEC

8 November
Open Morning
14-18 November
Anti-Bullying Week
29-6 December
Book Fair
6-7 December
Parents' Consultations
8-9 December
Secret Santa events
13 December
Years 2 and 3
Christmas Concert
A visit to The Alhambra
Theatre to see the
pantomime
15 December
Years 4, 5 and 6
Christmas Concert

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The Year 6 to Year 7 transition

Most of the Year 6 pupils are excited to move into Year 7, however, a few are nervous too ...

Before the Easter holidays, Year 6 were treated to a visit from three Sixth Formers, to allow the Clock House pupils a chance to ask them different questions or raise concerns that they had. The Sixth Formers had lots to say, however the main thing that they stressed was: 'This is probably the most scary and important move through school you will have, if you attack it head on you will be fine.'

Overall, Year 6 really benefited from the Sixth Formers' visit and are now almost ready for their transition.

Year 6 had many thoughts, some were excited, others felt very privileged, and some were just happy to be moving into a new environment and use the different facilities. Many are looking forward to the Year 7 residential at a PGL centre in September.

In conclusion, Year 6 are very excited about their transition into Year 7.

BY ELLIE AND ANNABEL, YEAR 6

CAPTIONS

1 Clock House pupils took part in the world's largest children's concert in Sheffield

Clock House takes part in the world's largest children's concert!

“...”
... the trip reminded me of how important it is to sing and dance – this is what makes people happy!

Years 4, 5 and 6 went on a trip to Sheffield Arena, to perform in the world's largest children's concert – Young Voices.

A Year 4 pupil, Avaani, commented that it was an experience she had been waiting for, for a long time. Annabel, in Year 6, explained that it was her favourite trip, ever!

All the children enjoyed the experience. They had a lot of fun and were very thankful for the effort put into the organisation by the teachers and for creating such a lovely atmosphere.

Mrs Alderson, who led the outing, was excited too, as pupils had missed out on this amazing event, for the last two years: 'This was an extra special trip for me, as it reminded me of how important it is for people to join together to sing and dance – this is what makes people happy,' she said.

It was nearly midnight when some of the children and adults returned home, but it was all worth it – they had been a part of an incredible experience.

BY CHARLOTTE AND FLORENCE, YEAR 5

CAPTIONS

1-6 Year 5
Residential to
Bewerley Park,
North Yorkshire



“...”

I had a great time. I really hope to do some more high ropes again in next year's residential!

Alice G, Year 5, said: 'When I arrived, I felt 'nervcited'! Nervous and excited at the same time! When I left, I felt a bit upset because Bewerley Park is such an amazing place, but I also felt happy, because I missed my family. It was really fun!'

Miss Yates enjoyed the river walk: 'It was educational too. Pupils walked upstream, along a meandering river and worked out the fastest flowing side causing erosion and the slower side showing evidence of deposited sediment. Year 5 discovered tributaries on the route and walked through a dried-out gorge towards a waterfall.'

Raheema A-T, Year 5 tells us about her experience: 'I really loved the trip to Bewerley Park; I think that I enjoyed the leap of faith the most because I like climbing. I had a great time. I really hope to do some more high ropes again in next year's residential!'

BY RAHEEMA, YEAR 5

Year 5 Residential to Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire

Year 5 did a lot of exciting activities including canoeing, river walking, high and low ropes, rock climbing, caving and treasure hunts in the dark.





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Fun in the Lake District!

In May, Year 6 went to Hawkshead Youth Hostel, in the Lake District.

Everybody was really looking forward to the residential.

On Wednesday morning, everyone was all set to go with their suitcases, leavers' hoodies and packed lunches. They arrived at noon and ate their packed lunches and then set off on a hike. They went round in a massive circle. As they were walking, they saw lots of amazing flora and fauna. Some of the floras they saw were wild garlic, buttercups, edible clovers and wild fuchsias.

On Thursday, they did raft building in the morning and climbing and abseiling in the evening. They had lots of 'dorm time' and enjoyed the tuck shop, especially!

On Friday they did team building exercises and then set off for their journey back to school.

This was a wonderful final residential for the Year 6 Clock House pupils.

Hopefully, many more adventures will follow when they move to their Senior Schools.

BY LAAIBAH, YEAR 6

CAPTIONS

1 Year 6 Residential to Hawkshead Youth Hostel, in the Lake District

Science is all around us here at Clock House ...

At Clock House, science happens in all areas of the school: outside, in the classrooms, in the Senior School labs – even in the Brownlee Pavilion.

One of the amazing experiments Year 5 produced this year was making paper helicopters of two different sizes and dropping them from a height, to test air resistance and gravity.

Results demonstrated that gravity pulled the helicopter down towards the centre of the earth, but the air resistance slowed it down creating a safe landing. The larger the surface area the longer the helicopter took to reach its destination, due to the force of air resistance.

Pupils discussed how the direction of the wind might have affected results and possibly, creating the experiment inside, might further improve the quality of the findings.

One of the other gripping science activities was the Poster Competition on growth, to celebrate Science Week.

The winners won a science set and were entered into the national competition – we are still awaiting the results ...

BY MORGAN, YEAR 5



CAPTIONS

Science experiments at Clock House

“...”

The winners of the poster competition for science week won a science set and were entered into the national competition – we are still awaiting the results ...



BGS Giving Day

Our first ever Giving Day Campaign was held on Thursday May 12 and Friday May 13. Thanks to a collective effort – and in true Hoc Age style – we not just met our match challenge target, but also exceeded it!

£75,266 was raised from 146 donors across the Old Bradfordian, staff and parental communities.

The entire School played its part in fundraising – including the headmaster, Dr Simon Hinchliffe, who was happily gunged once we'd reached one of our targets!

The 1662 Campaign for Assisted Places is stronger because of the generosity of the BGS community. A big thank you goes to all donors for enabling us to offer a bright child an outstanding, life changing education at Bradford Grammar School.

Assisted Places encapsulate a strong historical thread running through BGS and as we celebrate 360 years of our Royal Charter, it's been demonstrated yet again that these ideals are as important to us all today, as they have always been.

CAPTIONS

1-4 OBs enjoyed reminiscing about their time at BGS and looking over the old photographs and memorabilia on display

5 Headmaster Dr Simon Hinchliffe with Ian Holland, OBA President, welcoming guests to the 1940s and 1950s reunion

6-7 Scenes from the first ever BGS Giving Day



1940s and 1950s Reunion

Our annual 1940s and 1950s reunion took place on Friday April 8 and was a huge success.

More than 40 Old Bradfordians came together to enjoy food and drinks and to share many wonderful memories of their time at BGS. A great time was had by all.

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“...”

This role is a great opportunity to meet people.

Caitlin

What made you want to be a Head Prefect?

George: For me, the most important thing was to repay the investment and opportunities that the school has given me since I joined in Year 7 – from the multitude of sporting activities to being in lessons where the teachers have helped develop me to where I am today.

Caitlin: I've been here since Year 7 and I'm proud to have been part of BGS and to have had the opportunities that have been offered to me. I've worked hard in, and for the school, and I feel I am being rewarded for that as well as giving back to the school and being a role model for younger students.

How did you feel when you found out you'd been selected?

George: It was unexpected. The other two Senior Prefects were just as qualified as me, but I was extremely happy and I couldn't get the smile off my face when I found out.

Caitlin: I felt very excited and shocked. I am proud of all of us that are Senior Prefects.

What duties do you have to undertake?

George: A lot of it comes down to the organisation of the other prefects. I'm a Pastoral Prefect as well so I'll organise the board games club at lunchtime and organise some bigger events such as the ball or the school yearbook.

Caitlin: We have to organise the Christmas and summer balls and also help out at lunchtimes. We give tours to Old Bradfordians and visitors to school, hold assemblies and we give speeches at Founders' Day and Speech Day.

Meet the Head Prefects

We speak to Head Prefects, George and Caitlin, about their new roles and their time at BGS.

What subjects are you studying?

George: Maths, Economics, Psychology and PE

Caitlin: Art, English Literature and History

Which parts of the role are you looking forward to?

George: I think I'll enjoy being a role model for the younger students and to help them have the same experience at the school that I've had – that's really important to me.

Caitlin: This role is a great opportunity to meet people. I feel like I've gained a lot from school which I'm happy to talk about. I'm looking forward to the assemblies and being able to speak in front of people and meeting visitors on Open Days. I'll enjoy encouraging others to make the most of their opportunities.

What will the most challenging parts of the job be?

George: From what I've heard, the most challenging parts are people management and making sure that everyone is fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. It's about everybody stepping up because the chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Caitlin: I agree with George in that it's about making sure everybody feels listened to. I am also keen to keep up with all my co-curricular activities which will require managing my time.



How do you think you will complement each other?

George: Both of us are strongly determined and have a drive to fulfil the role to the best of our abilities. If we both have the dedication, then we can bounce ideas from one another and that will make a very effective team.

Caitlin: I think George and I are both driven and we want to do the job well. We're both friendly people and good communicators. It will be a good opportunity for us to get to know each other as well.

What advice would you give to those younger wanting to be prefects?

George: The advice I would give is to be honest and be yourself, especially when you're applying for the position and in the interviews. They're looking for someone who has the commitment and connection to the School and you don't want to fake that, it needs to be real!

Caitlin: Work hard and be nice to people. A lot of it comes down to what you're like as a person rather than the subjects you study and what you want to do after school. It's how you get along with people and how you handle responsibility that matters.



A friendship across the generations raises funds for BGS rugby tour

A friendship across the generations led to a generous donation to the BGS South African rugby tour in July.

Year 11 student George W met Anita Dickerson, 78, almost three years ago when he started his morning paper round in Bingley.

Anita, and her husband David, were customers of George's and have been friends ever since. Anita and David were very appreciative of George delivering their papers, especially during the pandemic, and would often have a socially distanced chat on the doorstep. Even though George has recently stopped doing his paper round, he and Anita have stayed in touch.

Anita is a big rugby fan and when she found out about school's plans for a tour to South Africa, she started to raise money by selling her lovely cross-stitch work. She has since raised the amazing sum of £1,300 to contribute to the rugby tour.

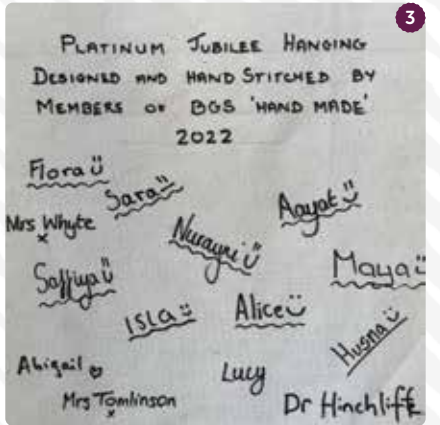
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Both of us are strongly determined and have a drive to fulfil the role to the best of our abilities.

George

CAPTIONS

- 1 Caitlin
- 2 George
- 3 Friends Anita and George



Handmade Jubilee tribute

This term, members of 'Handmade' (and a couple of special guests) have been working on a group project in order to commemorate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

They designed their own blocks, all linked to London/Britishness/ The Queen, and hand stitched them. They have now been pieced together into a beautiful hanging which will be hung in the Headmaster's Corridor.

Jamboree jaunt awaits for Lizzy ...

- CAPTIONS**
- 1 Lizzy W is a member of the 65th Bradford South Scouts
 - 2 The Jubilee hanging which will go in the Headmaster's corridor
 - 3 The hanging features the signatures of those who made it

Sweet cones, a Spring Fair plant and book stall and a race night are just some of the fundraising activities Year 8 student Lizzy W has been running to secure her place at the 25th World Scouting Jamboree next year.

Lizzy, 13, needs to raise £3,800 before next August so she can join more than 40,000 Scouts from across the world at the camp in Korea.

The teenager is a member of the 65th Bradford South Scouts and is looking forward to more fundraising activities, including a potential raft building event.

She said: 'So far, I've raised almost £1,000. Some things make more money than others and you have to make sure you cover your costs, but it all adds up. The amount we raise also goes towards helping Scouts in other countries who wouldn't be able to attend otherwise.

'I'm really looking forward to the experience and meeting lots of different people. It will be like one big festival.

'I've never had the opportunity to do anything like this before. I think the whole experience of fundraising is about earning your place rather than simply being given it and I think it's better that way.'

Other activities Lizzy has organised are a Spring Fair in Shelf, which included a sponsored throwing of wet sponges, running the tuck shop at Scouts and selling tickets for a LazerZone evening in July.

TO SUPPORT LIZZIE PLEASE VISIT HER 'GO FUND ME' PAGE ...

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“...”

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CAPTIONS

1 Ross McOwen, Head of Year 12 at BGS, with plans for the new Sixth Form Centre

Welcome to our new-look Sixth Form Centre

“...”

I look forward with great anticipation to a new era of the BGS Sixth Form where we will continue to celebrate our culture of academic pursuit and intellectual curiosity, celebration of wider interests and fostering of a healthy lifestyle, and high aspirations for all.

An exciting new chapter for Bradford Grammar School is happening with the opening of our newly redesigned Sixth Form Centre in September.

The remodelled centre will feature distinct zones designed for private study, modern IT capability and comfort providing the perfect place for our senior students to learn, study and unwind.

The new Sixth Form Centre café will offer a wide, seasonal menu with service beginning early in the morning and continuing throughout the day. A large computer suite with fast wireless connectivity will be integral to the space and amply meet the requirements of our hardworking A Level students.

Ross McOwen, Head of Year 12 at BGS, said: 'The bespoke accommodation will provide our Sixth Formers with the finest, state-of-the-art facilities.

'Having opened our original Sixth Form Centre in 2001, we feel the time is now right to create the ideal, professional, environment in which our evolving vision for our students can be realised, enabling individuals to flourish, whatever their chosen career pathway.

'I look forward with great anticipation to a new era of the BGS Sixth Form where we will continue to celebrate our culture of academic pursuit and intellectual curiosity, celebration of wider interests and fostering of a healthy lifestyle, and high aspirations for all.'



Ilkley Walk sees charity amount reach almost £5,000

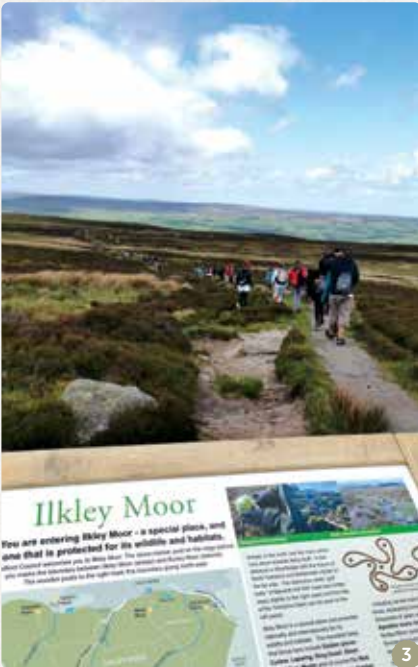
CAPTIONS
1-3 Pupils really enjoy the Ilkley Walk
4 Fundraisers hand over their cheque to Action for Sport

Year 7 pupils were delighted to present almost £5,000 and unwanted sports kit to Action for Sport, their chosen charity, in a special assembly.

They raised the money throughout the year by running a café in December, holding a Christmas disco and through a sponsored walk to Ilkley in May. The annual Ilkley walk has become such a fixture in the BGS calendar that pupils now bookend their career in the Senior School, walking to Ilkley in Year 7 and walking back in Year 13.

The weather was perfect for this year's event; cool and dry. All 135 pupils who set off from BGS enjoyed a picnic near the Lost Lad boundary stone, continued over Ilkley Moor at the Twelve Apostles and then enjoyed a bit of free time in Ilkley town centre before getting the train home. It was a great day out for pupils and staff alike.

The money raised will be used to help Action for Sport reach disadvantaged children in the Bradford area, helping them to access sport. Clive Michallat and Andrew Kenure, the co-founders of Action for Sport, were absolutely delighted with our donation and said a huge thank you to the children.



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