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The day the King flew in

The sound of sporting endeavours heard from BGS's playing fields were replaced by the whirr of helicopter blades when a special Royal visitor landed.

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Welcome from the Headmaster

Welcome to this latest edition of our termly,
whole school magazine, Hoc Age.

Named after our school motto, which in plain terms means 'just do it', this edition, like those before, illustrates that we walk the talk of our motto. The year started strongly and I'm delighted to say that both our GCSE and A Level results were the best BGS has achieved since these qualifications were reformed many years ago. Year on year comparisons are problematic in the pandemic and post pandemic era, but we exceeded expectations this summer and also improved upon the teacher assessed grades of Covid times, which is a rare and remarkable achievement. Very few other schools can make that claim and I pay tribute to our students and my colleagues because these outcomes tell us much about school spirit and work ethic.

As does the national recognition that BGS continues to receive for our public benefit work. Our outreach and partnership work has once again been celebrated at the Palace of Westminster. Last year it was our STEM activity and workshops for primary school pupils in Bradford to excite them about satellites and space travel. This year, it was our grass roots sports partnership with Skipton Tennis Centre that grabbed attention. BGS is leading the way, making a difference in our locality, in our community and inspiring other independent schools to do likewise.

More broadly, BGS life remains colourful and busy. I began writing these words to the sounds of senior debating in the DH Room, found distraction in a cup of tea, and now finish them as families walk in for the Chamber Concert, which is where I am off going to now. Well done to all new starters and familiar faces who have embraced school life so enthusiastically.

Enjoy the Christmas and New Year holiday when it arrives... but for now, read on!

Simon Hinchliffe

Dr Simon Hinchliffe

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5 January
Term starts

11 January
Open Morning 9.15 – 12.00

25 January
School production -
Matinee

26 January
School production -
Evening
Doggs Hamlet Cahoots
Macbeth

27 January
School production -
Evening

FEBRUARY

13th – 17th February
Half Term

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15 March
Chamber Concert

21 March
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31 March
End of term

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King Charles III disembarked onto the school sports fields before heading off on his Royal visit to Bradford and Leeds.

Excited pupils and staff had gathered in anticipation of catching a glimpse of His Majesty and were delighted when he made his way over to them to shake their hands. Dr Simon Hinchliffe, Headmaster, said: "We were delighted His Majesty The King chose to land the Royal helicopter on our school field ahead of his visit to Bradford, as other members of his family have done before him.

He very generously spent time meeting and greeting our excited young students. Today will be a day they will never forget."

Read what our Junior School pupils thought about the King's arrival on page 17.

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Orienteering is thriving at BGS

Orienteering is thriving at BGS, and numbers have continued to grow. We take over 20 students to fortnightly lunchtime sessions in nearby parks and forested areas.

We achieved our best ever result in October's British Schools Score Championships, in Derbyshire, winning Year 10-13 boys' team gold, and gaining four individual podium finishes: Imogen (Y7) finished 2nd, Henry (Y9) finished 1st, Joseph (Y9) finished 3rd, and Tom (Y12) finished 3rd.

In the main British Schools Championships, which was held in Sheffield in November, and which attracted more than 500 students, we finished fifth in the large secondary school competition. At the same competition, the Year 10 boys team won team silver, and we enjoyed two podium finishes: Joseph in Year 9 and Emily in Year 13. In December, we also hosted an indoor race at BGS.

A handful of our athletes are in the Yorkshire and Humberside Junior Squad, and over the summer, Henry and Emily took part in British Junior training camps in Scotland and Sweden respectively. Well done to all involved!

WRITTEN BY DAVID ALCOCK,
GEOGRAPHY TEACHER AND
ORIENTEERING COACH



CAPTIONS

- 1 The King's helicopter landed on BGS's playing fields
- 2 Joseph H (Year 13)



CAPTIONS

1 1st XV with their parents

2 U14 Netball National Schools' Squad



Sports round up

It's been a busy start to the year with many successes and lots of students fully engaged in our autumn term sport offering.

Hockey returned with a huge number of fixtures being played. There were some outstanding performances with girls' teams coming from behind to win with ease. The indoor format was welcomed and, at the time of going to press, we had entered our first

U16 boys, national indoor competition. The introduction of boys' hockey has been a huge success and I'm sure, in time, the fixture list will grow to inspire the next generation of hockey players.

Netball saw more than 250 girls wear the navy and maroon vest this term. There is always plenty of opportunity to represent the school in friendly fixtures, national competitions and in the local Bradford Schools' League. The autumn term saw the return of the National Schools' County Round where the U14, U16 and Senior teams took to the court. Excellent performances and teamwork were shown throughout with the U14 team qualifying through to the next phase. The Netball Parents' Association, Annual Christmas Fair was a formidable success with more than £3,000 raised for future tours and for the charity Young Minds.

Rugby saw an excellent turnaround this year with some competitive fixtures across all age groups. The U12 squad started BGS incredibly well considering the majority of the squads had never played rugby before. A particular highlight was defeating GSAL with a clean sheet for our boys at Senior Level. This had never happened before. We're grateful to have such supportive parents at all fixtures and the Annual Christmas Rugby Ball was, once again, a huge success.

The **tennis** programme has been going from strength to strength and has now been opened to Clock House students. It's testament to both staff and students that the Independent Schools Council highlighted our work with Skipton Tennis Club. BGS tennis teams at

every age group earned themselves spots in the regional finals with two Regional Schools' titles and two second places. Well done to the Y7/8 Girls' team who found themselves Champions of the North!

The **rowers** spent much of the term training hard at the river and travelled to Northwich Head Race in November. The J15s had a particularly good day with the quad finishing in second place and the girls only being beaten by excellent club crews. Another highlight was the number of students who attended the capsized drill. Better never does stop.

There was a huge take up at **table tennis** clubs and we had students representing the school in a wealth of West Yorkshire Schools fixtures. 42 boys and girls represented BGS, which is a testament to Mr Crabtree, considering table tennis is not part of the curriculum.

The swimming programme continues to grow. In October, a small contingent travelled to Durham for the English Secondary Schools Relay Championships. Faced with some formidable competition, it was the U15 Boys who shone, beating most of our local rivals, but still a touch out of the medals. We had water polo competitions with St Bede's and St Joseph's with both offering hefty learning curves, as our neighbours, who specialise in water polo, often shone through with game experience. U18s and U15s will be going into the ESSA competition.

We're proud of all students who have contributed to the sports programmes this term and we hope this continues in to the next.

BY RACHEL MILLER,
ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPORT



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If you'd like to take part in more language opportunities, why not try out the weekly Languages Society or the new Russian Club?

Talented linguists!

Six talented Year 9 linguists sat a GCSE Language exam two years early and amazingly every one of them achieved the highest grade possible, Level 9.

Two pupils took Mandarin Chinese, three took French and one sat German. The pupils showed exceptional maturity and discipline to study the language in their own time with minimal teacher input. Although some of them already understand and can speak the language to a certain extent, they all had to work hard on their reading and writing skills to achieve the required standard. Some have never lived in a French, German or Chinese speaking country so their success and dedication was particularly impressive.

Yashvi (now Y10) said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the course and I'm so grateful to the entire Languages department (but especially Mrs Kingsley) for all their support. I'm very pleased with achieving my grade 9. I would urge all students to get involved with Languages as it's great fun!"

We are really proud of them and their achievements – bravo!

WRITTEN BY LIZ KINGSLEY, HEAD OF MODERN LANGUAGES

National League debuts for talented trio

Ben P (Year 10), Elizabeth G (Year 11) and Tom T (Year 12) have made National League Hockey debuts this year.

National league is the second tier in the hockey system, which is just two leagues below the National Premiership (the best in the game). The students should be very proud of their achievements, and we're excited to see them develop as a result of playing at such a high standard.



Sixth Form girls represent GB in Thailand

Following a gruelling selection race in Moffat, Scotland, Rebecca (16) and Emily (17) were chosen to run for the U20 Great Britain team in the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, in Thailand, on November 6.

Both girls spent 10 days in the South Asian country, training, acclimatising and sight-seeing with the GB team. The race itself was 6.4km in distance, 240m in elevation and the girls were competing in approximately 30-degree heat. Both girls had excellent races with Rebecca, finishing in second place overall, still smiling, while Emily somehow found the strength and determination to outspurt another athlete on the line to finish in 18th place. The U20 Women's team took

the team gold medal, meaning the girls finished as world champions!

Not many people can say they are world champions, but, following their success in the World Schools' Cross Country Championships in Slovakia earlier in the year, both girls already have two world titles to their names. The future is bright for these girls, and we at BGS are proud of the athletes, people and role models they have become.

RACHEL MILLER,
ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPORT

CAPTIONS

- 1 The six talented linguists
- 2 National League Hockey – Tom T, Ben P, Elizabeth G

Equestrian success for Matilda

Keen equestrian Matilda H was celebrating after being placed in every class she rode in at the prestigious Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).

"I've met most of my friends through horse riding and I like competing at shows because we all see each other and can talk about the classes afterwards and who we think should have been placed. I get nervous competing at the HOYS but if I find I've got a friend there then it turns to excitement.

"Mostly you have to be calm, or the horse won't be calm. Benny has a lot of adrenaline before a class so I usually have to give him a packet of extra strong mints to keep his mind off things! I would love to win a class at the Horse of the Year Show. The highest placing I've had is second, so we'll keep working towards next year!"



Matilda was delighted to qualify for the event initially, one of the biggest in the equine calendar. She was then overjoyed to be rewarded with a 4th and 6th place in the part-bred arab and ridden show pony classes respectively on her eight-year-old bay gelding, Benny.

The Year 7 pupil has been riding since she was six months old, sitting up in a basket on horseback, and has been competing at HOYS every year since she was four. She's previously won classes at the Great Yorkshire Show (13.2hh show pony class) and the Royal International Horse Show (12.2hh show pony).

Said Matilda: "I love horse riding. I just lose myself when I'm riding, galloping across the moors.

Venus follows in dad's cricketing footsteps

Student Venus W, whose dad played first class cricket in Sri Lanka, has landed a coveted place on a cricket talent programme.

Venus, 13, plays cricket for Lancashire Women's U15s and has now been signed to North West Thunder's Emerging Player Programme, comprising female cricketers from Lancashire, Cheshire and Cumbria.

The 13-year-old, from Baildon, only started playing cricket just before her ninth birthday and was accepted into Lancashire Cricket Club Girls' team just a year later having started out playing for Esholt's Under 11 Boys' team. She was recently named Lancashire Women's Player of the Month after scoring a maiden century against Warwickshire.

Her talents have been honed, in part, by dad Ajantha, known as AJ, a spin bowler who played first-class cricket for Sri Lanka and was a member of the country's National Academy. He also played semi-professionally for different clubs across the world until a hand injury cut his career short in his mid 20s. AJ and family settled in England before Venus was born and he is now a full-time cricket coach with his own business, AVD Cricket Coaching Academy. He said: "Venus had a big interest in cricket but didn't show signs of wanting to play until much later. It's wonderful to see how much she's progressed and how much she loves it."

Venus describes herself as a 'genuine all-rounder' though she has a talent for spin bowling like her dad. She balances her studies at BGS with practising at the nets five to six times a week.

She said: "I used to watch my dad coaching in the holidays and I wanted to try it. I was the only girl there at the time but there's quite a few girls today. There's lots of banter at school because I play for Lancashire and not Yorkshire but it's all good fun."

As well as her Lancashire commitment, Venus plays cricket for BGS in both mixed and girls' teams.

BGS has been offering cricket to girls for several years with mixed teams and separate girls' teams. Year 8 pupil Lizzie P and Year 9 pupil Erin G both play for Yorkshire.

Dr Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster at BGS, said: "Venus has excelled in her cricket at BGS and it's wonderful to see her hard work paying off as she joins the North Thunder's performance programme. It's very well deserved. She follows a long line of talented cricketers at BGS."

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CAPTIONS

1 Matilda H

2 Venus with her dad AJ



Poppy lands singing role in touring opera

BGS pupil Poppy H-C is undergoing months of professional opera training having landed a coveted role in a major theatre production.

Poppy, 12, who has been singing and performing since she was a young girl, successfully auditioned for Opera North's upcoming tour of *The Cunning Little Vixen* and secured the cover role for two principal singers.

The Year 8 pupil will juggle her schoolwork with intensive rehearsals in preparation for the two-month tour in theatres across the North next year.

Poppy, from Leeds, said: "I was so shocked to be offered a soloist cover role, it's such an incredible opportunity. Full-time company rehearsals throughout December and January will be intense, but I feel very lucky to be gaining so much professional vocal training alongside Opera North's cast."

Cover singers are opera's equivalent of the Broadway understudy and Poppy will train for the roles of Pepik and Frantik, to replace the principal singers should one not be able to perform due to sickness, injury or for personal reasons.

She is already receiving professional voice coaching and, from December, rehearsals will ramp up to four afternoons a week for the young performer, who will have to take time away from the classroom.



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... We know she will be an asset to Opera North's cast.

Dr Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster, said: "We're delighted she's been offered a singing role; this is a tremendous opportunity for Poppy and we know she will be an asset to Opera North's cast."

Poppy will tour with Leeds-based Opera North from February 4 until April 1, taking the production to the Leeds Grand Theatre, The Lowry, the Theatre Royal in Nottingham, the Theatre Royal in Newcastle, and the Hull New Theatre.



Festival award for Year 7 speaker

CAPTIONS

- 1 Danniella P
2 Poppy H-C

Talented speaker and keen drama student, Danniella P, was given a personal behind-the-scenes tour at Leeds Playhouse after winning a special award.

Danniella, a Year 7 pupil, was presented with the Edith Atkinson Award for Most Promising Verse Speaker after coming first in a verse speaking competition at the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts (WFPA) this summer.

As part of her prize, 11-year-old Danniella was recently given a guided tour of Leeds Playhouse and watched rehearsals for its production of *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory – The Musical*, running until January 28. She said: "It was such a great experience, meeting with the director and watching four different Charlies rehearse the same part. It's incredible to see just how many people are involved backstage and how much equipment there is!"

Danniella, from New Farnley, has been heavily involved in drama for the last seven years, and has passed eight LAMDA examinations with distinction. She has also passed, with distinction, a further eight dance and singing exams with New Era Academy.

It was the third time Danniella had entered a verse speaking competition at the WFPA, an annual competitive festival of music and drama that runs in May and October. She came 3rd in 2017 and 2nd in 2018.

Danniella added: "I was so happy to win the verse speaking competition this year - to then be nominated for the Edith Atkinson Award, and win, was such a brilliant surprise."



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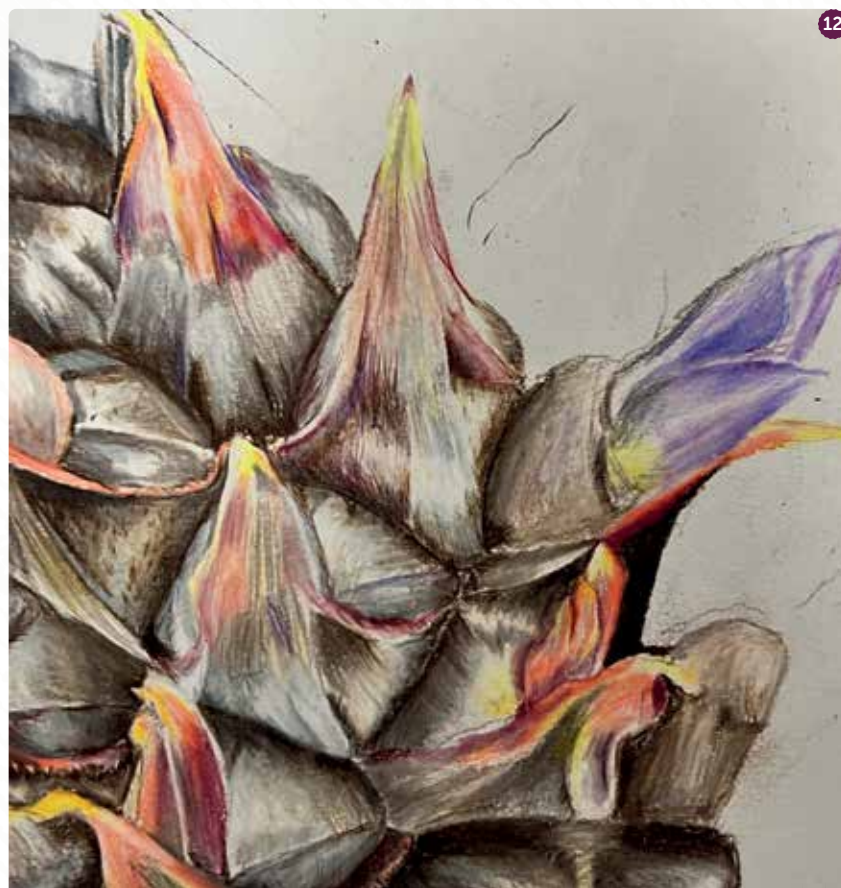
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Our artists of the term ...

- 1 Lara F, Year 7
- 2 Samee K, Year 10
- 3 Marriam A, Year 10
- 4 Isla S, Year 7
- 5 Carla B, Year 12
- 6 Daniella P, Year 7
- 7 Joe T, Year 9
- 8 Olivia C, Year 12
- 9 Daisy N, Year 7
- 10 Amalia P, Year 9
- 11 Izzy B, Year 9,
- 12 Charlie H, Year 12



Music roundup

It's been another very busy term in the Music Department, both inside and outside the classroom!



CAPTIONS

1 BGS's wonderful Chamber Concert

Figen Murray visit

As part of the Sixth Form Enrichment programme, Figen Murray OBE visited BGS to talk with our students.

Having lost her son, Martyn Hett, in the Manchester Arena Bombing, Figen has campaigned tirelessly for changes to the law, with her goal being to place legal obligations on venues to reduce the risk to the public from acts of terrorism.

Figen also works with schools to promote messages of peace, tolerance and understanding as the antidote to hate. Our students were inspired by her determined campaigning and had their eyes opened to the philosophy of 'Ubuntu'. We were delighted to welcome Figen and thank her for her honest and thought-provoking talk.

ANGELA MCOWEN

Our first performance of the year was at Founders' Day in Bradford Cathedral at the end of September. Our wonderful Senior Choir performed Stanford's Te Deum in B flat and were joined at the end of the service by the Junior Choir singing Paul Mealor's stunningly simple The Lord Bless You and Keep You. The choir sounded wonderful and it's always a pleasure to sing in the beautiful surroundings of Bradford Cathedral.

This half term, more than 40 pupils have taken part in our lunchtime recital series, run by our music graduate Ruby Hendry. These informal lunchtime concerts are a great way pupils can perform to their parents, teachers and peers in a relaxed and informal setting. We've seen performances ranging from absolute beginners to Grade 8 and A Level recital run-throughs. Miss Hendry is always keen to hear from performers who would like to play in these short concerts. Please do get in touch.

The Autumn Chamber Concert was a wonderful event as we listened to performances from our small ensembles and soloists. The standard of solo playing was excellent and our ensembles played a variety of music from Ragtime to smooth jazz, Adele to Benjamin Britten! Thanks go to our team of visiting instrumental teachers for rehearsing these groups and thank you to our large, wonderfully supportive audience.

We have welcomed two new members of the peripatetic music team to the department this term - Alex Woodrow, piano and Dan Bull, cello. Mr Woodrow is Director of Music at Leeds Minster and he makes a welcome return to the department having worked here for a number of years before moving to Solihull School. He is now permanently back in Bradford and, as well as teaching the piano, will be assisting Miss White in the running of the school's four choirs. Mr Bull is delivering our cello and double bass lesson while Ms Laverick recovers from an operation. Mr Bull is the Principal Cello No 2 at Opera North and has been inspirational in imparting his knowledge to our pupils in lessons and in Junior Orchestra.

As I write, we are looking forward to two of our biggest events of the year, our Christmas Concert, on December 6 and our atmospheric Nine Lessons and Carols Service in the Cathedral in the last week of term. Year 7 pupils have been rehearsing a performance for this event and it's been a joy hearing so much singing in the department on a daily basis! The Carol Service is a more reflective event, with readers telling the Christmas story and music from the senior brass ensemble and our four school choirs. It is a real highlight in the school calendar and a wonderful way to get into the Christmas and Advent spirit.

ELIZABETH WHITE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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Welcome new Director of Development

The development department welcomed Robin Sharp as BGS's new director in June.

Robin has worked for more than 20 years leading programmes for philanthropic investment at educational institutions, not only in Britain and the US, but also Australia.

She led fundraising and alumni engagement programmes at Brasenose College Oxford and Trinity College Cambridge. She worked in a similar capacity at the University of Southampton, the University of Aberdeen and QMUL. She also consulted on various projects including the Kennedy Memorial Trust, which funds academic scholarships for graduate level study at Harvard and MIT.

Robin said she was thrilled to be back in a school environment as BGS continues on its journey to secure significant philanthropic investment and grow its constituency of donors for the 1662 Campaign for Assisted Places. She derives a great deal of energy and inspiration from participating in the academic and student communities.

She said: "Bradford Grammar School's focus on excellence, opportunity and happiness was what inspired me to apply for the role. The opportunity to work with the Headmaster, Simon Hinchliffe, and the esteemed Board of Governors sealed the deal for me. I interviewed for the role on the day of the 1940s and 1950s Old Bradfordin Reunion and had the opportunity to have lunch with a number of OBs. The depth of the feelings that these OBs had for their school was inspirational."

Robin is now looking forward to helping the school's leadership strengthen its relationships with Old Bradfordians, and the wider BGS community, and contribute her expertise to expand the already successful 1662 Campaign for Assisted Places.

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OB career days

Old Bradfordians, John Bigham (1988) and Mark Richer (1981), visited BGS this autumn to tour their school and have lunch with a group of Sixth Form students as part of the careers programme led by Mr McOwen, Head of Year 13 and Ms Denby, Head of Higher Education and Careers.



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The informal and informative luncheons were heavily subscribed. Students attending not only made the Old Bradfordians welcome, they also represented the school with panache and style.

John, who works in investment banking, helped to demystify his chosen career. He shared some excellent stories, insight, and advice to those students who were interested in pursuing a career in finance and economics. John was also graciously interviewed on camera by Head Boy, George H and Head Girl, Caitlin R about his work in the banking and finance industries. The recording of that interview can be found here: <https://youtu.be/mgWWsahPydI>

Mark Richer, who has built a career as a highly successful tech entrepreneur, was a hit at Friday lunch. Not only did he share wisdom about entrepreneurship, he shared some very entertaining stories about his time at BGS. Thanks to Tracy Lord, Deputy Library Manager and Archive Assistant, we were able to share bits and pieces of news that BGS had collected about Mark's successes over the years - much to Mark's surprise.

Both Mark and John are major benefactors to our 1662 Campaign for Assisted Places. We're so pleased they were able to visit their school and see for themselves how their generosity helps to support a community that supports inclusivity, excellence, curiosity and, in John's case, a rather interesting sense of fashion.

CAPTIONS

1 New Development Director Robin Sharp

2 John Bigham being interviewed by BGS's Head Boy and Head Girl

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John shared some excellent stories, insight, and advice to students ...



New York study and enrichment trip

During October half term, the English department took 20 A Level students on a trip to Long Island and New York to enrich their understanding of American literature and culture to support their A Level studies.

The five-day tour commenced on Long Island with a visit to the Walt Whitman Birthplace where there was a guided tour and poetry workshop. Following this, the students travelled to the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site where they learned about the wealth and influence of the Vanderbilt family and enjoyed a spectacular planetarium show.

The remainder of the trip was spent in Manhattan where students walked the Brooklyn Bridge and the High Line, visited Ground Zero, The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Grand Central Station, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park, and the Imagine Garden, Times Square, went to the Top of the Rock, went shopping, saw the Broadway production of Wicked and enjoyed a cultural and literary walking tour of Greenwich Village. Everyone had a fabulous time with several students saying it was the best school trip ever!

LEE HANSON, HEAD OF ENGLISH

CAPTIONS

1 and 2 Students enjoying life in New York

3 Fabulous times in Paris

Visit to Paris, France

19-23 October 2022

The French department was delighted to take 41, Year 8 and Sixth Form pupils to Paris during the October half term holiday. We were able to soak in the Parisian culture over five wonderful days during which we admired the Eiffel Tower, ascended the impressive 210-metre-tall Montparnasse Tower, and enjoyed a boat trip along the River Seine. The Sixth Form raved about the French lesson they had at a local language school, while the younger pupils enjoyed a visit to the Arc de Triomphe and took in the sights along the Champs-Élysées. (Not forgetting the visit to the official Paris Saint-Germain football shop!)

The Sixth Form also had the opportunity to marvel at the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum, while Year 8 took part in an adventure quest. The trip was rounded-off by an exhilarating day spent at Parc Astérix. We had beautiful weather throughout, the food was typically French, and therefore, delicious. It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all, and our pupils were a credit to the school.

WRITTEN BY KATE WHYTE, HEAD OF FRENCH



Visit to El Puerto de Santa María, Cádiz, Spain

19-23 October 2022

The Spanish department was delighted to take a group of 30 pupils from Year 10 to Year 13 to El Puerto de Santa María. We spent five days exploring the beautiful region of Andalucía, took a ferry to Cádiz where we visited Torre Tavira, one of the 134 towers dating back to the 18th Century, when thanks to trade with the West Indies, Cádiz was the most important port in Spain. We enjoyed the views from its impressive Camera Obscura. In the beautiful city of Sevilla, we went up the impressive Giralda tower,

and marvelled at the wonderful Moorish architecture of the Alcázar. Our pupils learnt their first steps of flamenco dancing and cooked a very tasty paella that we all enjoyed. We made the most of the sunny days and went kayaking along the nature reserve of Sancti Petri. The trip was a wonderful experience, enjoyed by everybody and our pupils were a credit to our school.

BELÉN CUESTA GONZÁLEZ,
HEAD OF SPANISH



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'Outstanding student of the Year' award for Faiz

A COMPASSIONATE student whose 'selfless efforts' helped support families affected by domestic violence has won an award which recognises Bradford's unsung heroes.

Faiz K, an aspiring medic in Year 13, won the 'Outstanding Student of the Year' category at Bradford's 12th annual Community Star Awards, organised by the Telegraph & Argus newspaper and Bradford Council.

The Outstanding Student award celebrates those who go above and beyond to help others and inspire change across the district.

Faiz helped raise money and gather resources to support ten families impacted by domestic violence.

His nominator, Noreen Khan the founder of the charity Neesie, said: "Through his tireless and selfless efforts, Faiz truly has become a pillar of support for so many people."

Dr Simon Hinchliffe, headmaster at BGS, said: "We're very proud of Faiz. He's a credit to the school, and, like so many young people here, willing to give his time to make others' lives better. Well done."



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Year 7 'epic' adventure

After just two days orientation in school, Year 7 set off on an epic adventure...

Epic as they were embarking on three days and two nights away in Lincolnshire with people they didn't really know! But the purpose of the trip is to make friends, and that's exactly what they did!

We camped at PGL Caythorpe Court and enjoyed the warm September sunshine during the day while embarking on activities such as archery, fencing and Jacob's ladder. Many conquered their fear of heights on the ladder; others enjoyed a dip in the lake during raft building and, for several of our new cohort, it was not only their first time away from home but their first time in a tent. It really was a trip of firsts and the pupils were fantastic. They proved to all their teachers they have the 'Hoc Age' spirit in them to rise to a challenge and try their best. We look forward to seeing how their BGS journey continues as they progress thorough Year 7 and beyond.

EMMA TOMLINSON, HEAD OF YEAR 7



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CAPTIONS

1 Students loved their time in Spain

2 and 3 The Year 7 trip was an 'epic adventure'

4 Outstanding student Faiz K



Year 8 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Workshop

In October, the whole of Year 8 embarked on the very first trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

The sun was shining, and our pupils enjoyed a mixture of touring the park with guides, drawing, discussing, and investigating the sculptures.

As part of the forthcoming graphics project in the Year 8 curriculum, we made a special visit to see the major retrospective exhibition by Robert Indiana. His large colourful graphic letters and numbers were popular with the pupils.

Prizes were awarded for engagement on the day, but the entire year group were excellent ambassadors for the school and engaged superbly with the activities on the day.

WRITTEN BY SARAH HORSFIELD,
HEAD OF ART

CAPTIONS

1 Students at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

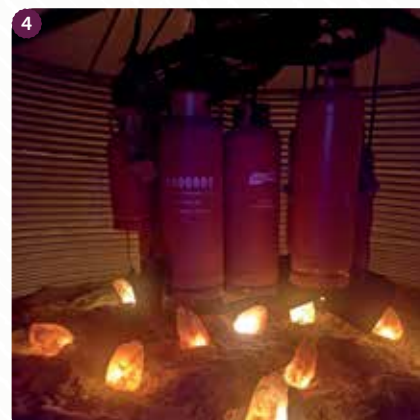
2 to 6 Students enjoyed a trip to see Antony Gormley's Another Place and the Tate Liverpool

Year 12 – Turner Prize and Crosby Beach Day Out.

Year 12 A Level Art students travelled down the M62 in the school minibus, to take a look at this year's Turner Prize nominees at the Tate Liverpool.

Having researched the artist as part of their course, students found it really insightful to then witness the art in the gallery. In contrast to this, students also took the short trip to a breezy Crosby Beach to see Antony Gormley's Another Place Sculptures. A great day to see how art can be shared in a public exhibition in such differing ways.

WRITTEN BY SARAH HORSFIELD,
HEAD OF ART



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Welcome from the Junior School Headmaster

'We recognise that we have a responsibility to share our time and talents and make a difference to the lives of others.'

Service is a key BGS value and this term the children in Clock House have been fundraising for a number of local and national charities to improve and enrich the lives of others.

Cakes and treats were made (and quickly eaten!) in our Harvest Appeal bake sale, raising more than £1000 for Action Aid. In November, the children took part in a

sponsored walk around an autumnal Lister Park to raise money for Children in Need and a 'reverse advent calendar' was launched to collect produce for the Bradford City Food Bank. These regular acts of kindness matter and help us to see the many benefits of helping others.

Day visits have taken place in most year groups this term. Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Nell Bank (Stone Age), Year 4 to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Science), Year 5 to Leeds City Museum (Ancient Egypt) and Year 6 to Eden Camp (World War II). There is much to be gained in venturing beyond the school gates to enrich learning.

Enjoy reading more about life in Clock House this term in the Junior Section of Hoc Age.

Mr Richard Ribeiro
Junior School Headmaster

“...”

... make a
difference
to the lives
of others

Spring Term

9 February 2023
Young Voices

8 March
House Music Competition

21 March
Years 2 & 3 Spring Concert

22 & 23 March
Parents' Consultation
Evenings

30 March
From 6.00pm - Years 4, 5 &
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CAPTIONS

1 Special visitor King Charles said hello to BGS pupils

Special visitor lands at BGS

On Tuesday November 8, a very special visitor landed on the BGS rugby pitches. Excited crowds of children gathered nearby to wait in anticipation for the landing of the helicopter.

The pupils patriotically sang the national anthem as the sound of spinning blades were heard overhead. Instantly, a train of cars, led by a Rolls Royce pulled up. Security guards stepped out to greet the visitor.

Cheers roared through the audience as he stepped out, wearing his smart cashmere coat. Surprisingly, he continued forward towards the pupils to speak and shake hands with them. One excited pupil even stated: "I will never wash my hands again!" He had been touched by a king.

King Charles III was visiting Yorkshire for the first time as the reigning monarch. His Royal Majesty attended meetings at Morrison's headquarters to look at how the supermarket is introducing eco-friendly initiatives. Later, he greeted people in Centenary Square.

“...”
I will never wash my hands again!

It was an occasion BGS pupils will remember for years to come.

NICKY 6G



Year 6 Trip to Eden Camp

CAPTIONS

- 1 Year 6 went on a trip to Eden Camp
- 2 The children loved their visit to Leeds City Museum



Year 6 went on a recent trip to Eden Camp to venture into the world of the Second World War.

They went through a range of huts to experience the sights, smells and sounds of life on the home front and the front line.

One of the most exciting and favoured huts was the Blitz hut; it was voted as the most realistic of them all.

Alice, in 6M, had this to say about the Blitz hut: "Yes, I liked it because it was the scariest and thankfully, I was with my friend."

Pupils discovered that 'Victory in Europe Day' (May 8, 1945), was a very important time in history. It was the day that marked the end of WWII in Europe.

Lots of the Year 6 pupils rated it as a 10/10 trip.

FLORENCE, YEAR 6.

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Year 5 Humanities Trip

On Wednesday 5th October 2022 we (Year 5) got off our coach and prepared for the excitement to come...

I looked up and saw the extremely large sign saying: "LEEDS CITY MUSEUM."

The trip was organised to discover more information about the Ancient Egyptians.

We entered the museum and the two Year 5 classes split up.

My class (5SM) went to the workshop first and my expectations were a bit high because I first thought, we'd be taking organs

out of a real mummy! When we entered the workshop, it turned out we were taking organs out of a dummy, so I was relieved. However, just before this activity, we went to see a REAL unwrapped ancient Egyptian mummy; I was both disgusted and scared, but it was fine.

In the afternoon, we explored other exhibits in the museum.

SEBASTIAN, 5SM.





Welcome Ayla

Ayla is a new Year 5 pupil who has moved from London. She has moved here because of the work her parents must do in this area. Ayla has settled in nicely with the help of her buddy (Oviya).

One of the differences between living in London and moving up north, which Ayla mentioned when interviewed, was that the people here speak with a different accent.

Ayla's favourite food is a Japanese pancake which has a small cylinder shape and is very fluffy and delicious.

One of Ayla's favourite places to visit in the south, is the London Eye as it is an incredibly fun experience.

Some things that Ayla has enjoyed at our school are the swimming lessons (Ayla had not learnt how to swim before she joined Clock House).

Ayla has also made a bunch of friends who are fun to hang around with. She takes part in many fixtures, and she has been enjoying herself a lot, since the move.

ABRESHMINA K



CAPTIONS

1 and 2 New pupil David settles into life at Clock House
3 Abreshmina is on the left, Oviya (Ayla's buddy) is in the middle and Ayla (new pupil) is on the right.

Welcome David

David is a new pupil in Year 5. He was previously at a preparatory school in Leeds. His friend Hector moved from this school to BGS, a year ago. David has now followed suit and is an excellent pupil.

He takes the train to school every day, returning home by bus with his sister in Year 7.

David was asked if he was enjoying his new school; his answer was: "Yes!" He commented a lot about the quality of the food here, as he has a school dinner each day, he also mentioned that his experienced Year 5 teacher is the best teacher ever and has helped him find some amazing friends in both classes who understand him well and always help cheer him up. He also said that all the teachers were always cheerful and happy.

We hope he continues to enjoy his school life at Bradford Grammar School.

REPORTED BY AIYLA A, YEAR 5





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Life at Clock House

1 Gardening Club - Gardening is a firm favourite and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our grounds.

2 Our Year 6 children, enjoyed a talk about the Spitfire to enhance their understanding of World War 2.

3 We were incredibly impressed by the creativity of our youngest pupils, who made these fabulous hats for their Christmas party.

4 Our outdoor classroom is a marvellous place to learn. These children have enjoyed using the fire to make hot chocolate and popcorn as part of their learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

5 DT lessons are a firm favourite each week. We benefit from the experience of specialist teachers in the Senior School DT rooms. This term, pupils have got to grips with power tools to create flashing badges.

6 Our children love sporting fixtures and these smiles say it all! We were very proud of these boys who won an award for representing the values of the RFU at the HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference) competition.



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