Minutes of the BGS AGM 18 October 2023

Present

Jean Pine (JP), Jed Boardman (JB), Richard Ribeiro (RR), Samm Thompson (ST), Katie Stitson (KS), Hardip Powar (HP), Cassandra Macdonald (CM), Kanchan Bhan (KB), Lucy Alderton (LA), Beth Street (BS), Katie Travis (KT), Victoria Gore (VG), Waqas Mirza (WM), Victoria Wood Williams (VWW)

2022 AGM Minutes

It had been discussed in 2022, that the Second-Hand Uniform rep should become part of the PA exec committee. However, after further discussion it was decided that the exec would remain as is with no further posts being created.

Proposed – Jean Pine

Seconded – Samm Thompson

Apologies

There were no apologies for this meeting.

Chairperson's Welcome & Report

Thank you everyone for attending the BGS Parents' Association 2023 AGM here at school and virtually (thank you IT). I'm happy to say we have Mr. Boardman and Mr. Ribeiro here representing the senior and junior schools.

We have the executive PA committee, SHU and FoC here to present and answer any questions if you have them. Let's make a start.

Last school year was very productive for the parents' association. I would like to thank the executive committee Lucy, Katie S, Katie T and Samm for all their support this last school year.

We supported our yearly commitments and granted several bids; which our Treasurer Katie will discuss later.

Parent volunteers helped at the open day. We started our coffee morning events again with a very successful talk from Mr. Hoath about Duke of Edinburgh awards. We are open to ideas regarding ideas for coffee morning talks. A big thank you to Beth and Lucy for organising Christmas and Spring wreath making events. Everyone really enjoyed these workshops including me.

Second hand uniform sales have been very successful this last year, well done to Sam and team. We'll hear more later.

Last school year we held a garden party event instead of a Spring fair introducing a few new features including the concert band playing and a baking competition which were both brilliant. I wish to record my appreciation to all who volunteered at the fair and help organise it, especially Estates and the fair subcommittee. Also thank you to everyone who donated raffle items and the support from the Sports PAs. This school year we want to hold a bigger spring fair so will need plenty of volunteers.

This year has started well for the PA, and I look forward to presenting our 2023/24 activities next year.

Second Hand Uniform report– Samm Thompson

2022/23 has been another great year for the Second Hand Uniform (SHU), with more regular sales being held throughout the year and in the summer break.

This year we also added Clockhouse New Families Day to our schedule, which proved to be a great success.

This year also saw the end of the previous 50/50 scheme, and we have now moved to 100% donations. Since the launch of this we have seen a massive uplift in our donations and this in turn is reflected in our sales and the proceeds to not just the main PA, but to the 4 Sport PA's as well.

A breakdown of the figures is attached to this report, but in summary, a total of £11,660.50 was taken and after the credit card fees were paid this meant £495.00 was paid out to parents, £2,250.20 was paid out to the Sport PA's and £8,757.52 went directly to the main PA.

We would like to once again thank Ian Clint and his fantastic estates team for their continued help and support in collecting donations and facilitating our sales. We really couldn't do it without you.

We thank parents and staff for their continued support of the SHU, and we look forward to seeing families at our next sales; Saturday 25th November 2023 10:00am - 1:00pm and Monday 15th January 2024 9:00am – 12: noon.

Samm & SHU Team

SHU Sales 2023-24

Month	Sep-22	Nov-22	Feb-23	Apr-23	Jun-23	July 3rd 2023	July 22nd 2023	Total 22/23
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Total Sales Taken	£1,762.00	£1,497.00	£1,018.00	£981.00	£1,571.00	£2,996.00	£1,835.50	£11,660.50
iZettle Fees	£22.84	£20.29	£14.54	£14.49	£18.30	£47.43	£19.89	£157.78
C/C Deposit	£1,279.16	£1,134.71	£813.46	£811.51	£1,026.70	£2,658.57	£1,115.11	£8,839.22
Cash	£460.00	£342.00	£190.00	£155.00	£526.00	£290.00	£700.50	£2,663.50
Money to Parents	£262.50	£185.00		£47.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£495.00
Money to Sports PA's	£90.00	£45.00		£35.00	£517.00	£958.00	£605.20	£2,250.20
Money to PA	£1,386.66	£2,250.17		£884.01	£1,035.70	£1,990.57	£1,210.41	£8,757.52

Sports PA's Breakdown

Hockey	£40.00	£17.50	£12.50	£129.25	£239.50	£151.30	£590.05
Rugby	£37.50	£17.50	£5.00	£129.25	£239.50	£151.30	£580.05
Rowing	£5.00	£7.50	£17.50	£129.25	£239.50	£151.30	£550.05
Netball	£7.50	£2.50	£0.00	£129.25	£239.50	£151.30	£530.05

Treasurer's Report – Katie Travis

Grants made available 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023	
Speech Day Prizes 2022	£120
Yr. 6 Leavers Hoodies	£753
Adjustment to Wacom Tablets Purchased	-£30
Guest Speaker Sports ball	£295
Clock House Board Games	£650
Water polo goals	£400
Speech Day Prizes 2023	£780
PGL 23 Coach	£2,850
Increase to Aerobic suite grant set aside in previous year	£10,000
Westminster Abbey trip	£456
	£16,273

Recommended grant distribution 23-24	£20,000
Reserves at 31 July 2023	£36,795

BGSPA Accounts

Income and Expenditure	<u>Year ended</u> 31 July 2023
Income	
Subscriptions	£7,780
Subscriptions due to FOCH	(£3,000)
Spring Fair & fundraising activities	£449
Uniform sales	£10,171
Bank interest	£25
	£15,425
Expenditure	
Grants (see below)	-£16,273
Misc. Expenses	-£645
	-£16,918
Surplus (deficit) for Period	-£1,493
Balance Sheet	<u>31 July 2023</u>
Current Account	£63,492
Deposit Accounts	£7,231
	£70,723
Due from (to) BGS	-£3,040
Debtors	£0
Creditors	-£30,888
Net Assets	£36,795
Represented by:	
Reserves brought forward	£38,288
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	-£1,493
Total Reserves	£36,795

The Accounts Summary will be issued when the review/audit by the School Bursar, anticipated in the next 2 weeks.

KT mentioned that there had been a lack of bids recently and to encourage people to come forward. KS mentioned that a bid had been received from Sophie Seager which would be discussed at the next committee meeting in November.

Action: JP to send JB bid requirements so that he circulate them as an active reminder at the next teachers' forum.

Friends of Clock House report – Hardip Powar

This year has seen us continue the successes of previous years, planning and holding events that have worked well and adding new ones to the calendar. We have worked alongside the school, seeking new opportunities for social events for the pupils at Clock House.

Our coffee mornings have continued to help us with our planning and given parents an opportunity to listen to subject leads talk about the curriculum and the vision they have behind it. We have had several staff offer their time for this: Mrs. Robertshaw- Hughes (English), Mrs. Jones (Sport), Mr. Ribeiro (Maths) and Mrs. Alderson (Music). We aim to hold at least one subject talk per term and plan to showcase the school by using specialist rooms where possible. Art will be one of the talks this year so that parents can see the dedicated room Clock House have over at senior school and the wonderful work Mrs. Morley does.

Fundraising was previously not done by Friends of Clock House but has now become a calendar event at Christmas and Easter. The donations and the purchasing of Christmas raffle tickets has raised over £500 from both Clock House and Senior School parents, our Luxury Hamper being the coveted star prize. To build on our fundraising success we added an Easter Raffle with a hamper worth over £150 being our main prize, raising over £300 in ticket sales. Both will be running again this year; we will be seeking donations from parents in the coming weeks.

We have organised and supported a number of social events and activities for the pupils:

- A Christmas Movie night where students watched a Movie of their choice (The Grinch) in the Hockney theatre with Popcorn and drinks.
- A Disco (Dj'd by the local legend DJ shuffles) complete with a Tuck shop and photo booth.
- Friends of Clock House have continued funding break time treats for Eid, Diwali and Easter along with an extended play. We also made funds available to the student council allowing them to decide how to mark each of these celebrations; each student was sent home with battery operated tealights and sweets for Diwali; Dates and a card for Eid; Easter eggs for Easter. This will be a continued fund made available for Student Council giving them the autonomy to decide how they would like to mark major religious festivals.
- An Ice cream van for the Summer Picnic which was very popular with the students.

Friends of Clock House have continued with their support of the main PA at last year's Garden Party by helping organise the Clock House Baking Bonanza and the 'This is Me' art competition, something the students enjoyed participating in. We also ran a sweet tombola which sold out many times but with innovative thinking was restocked!

Our major event of the year, Secret Santa has been ever popular, seeing us sell over £1000 worth of gifts. The event is again supported by parents who help wrap and man the counters on the days of the sale, we also had some help from the Clock House prefects who were amazing and will be called upon again this year. We will shortly be starting our preparations for this year's event and will be advertising for a 'Santa' with a very handsome salary of mince pies.

This coming year, we will be looking to continue with much of the same. We will be working closely with school to identify areas where we can help fund resources and organise activities for pupils. Fund raising has allowed us to again support the school Nativity and in conjunction with the Main PA we have helped Mrs. Smith purchase much needed water polo goals for the Junior school.

Friends of Clock House remains an informal group relying on parents and staff to volunteer to help support the running of events. We would like to thank all those who have volunteered over the last year and supported us in our endeavours, without their help none of this would have been possible.

This term will be both mine and Cassandras last term running Friends of Clock House, we have enjoyed the role immensely and thank the school, staff and parents for their continued support for the last two years. We have worked incredibly hard to ensure that Friends of Clock House can support the school through its fundraising and offer the students a social calendar of events. Our hope is that Friends of Clock House continues to keep pupils and their social interactions at the heart of all that it does. Thank you.

HS and CM confirmed that they will be succeeded by VG and VWW as he new FOCH representatives. We thanked HP and CM for all their hard work and wish VG and VWW every success.

Junior School Headmaster's Report - Richard Ribeiro

School life

At the start of the year we welcomed 46 new pupils to Clock House across all year groups. Junior School pupils in Year 6 were awarded positions of responsibility including; prefects, house captains, school council, eco-council and also STEM ambassadors.

Each year group attended at least one day trip, Eden Camp (Y6), West Yorkshire Wildlife park (Y5), Nell Bank (Y3) to name a few and of course the whole school excursion to the to the Alhambra Theatre in December to see Jack and the Beanstalk. We even got to travel on a double decker bus!

Residential visits took place in every year group with visits to the lake district and North Yorkshire to support the curriculum and to develop team work and collaboration.

We ran Children's Mental Health Week with a theme of 'Let's Connect'. The week focused on how people thrive in communities and how this connection supports wellbeing. The children took part in a carousel of activities in their house groups focused on 'Let's Connect'.

A successful science week took place in the Spring Term run in large part by our STEM ambassadors, with 'design a lab coat' competitions, create your own ophthalmoscope and the medical mavericks arrived to share their practical (and somewhat gory!) activities with Year 6. We held three STEM ambassador days and certificates were awarded for their European Space Agency project where they used the Python coding language to send a message to 'cheer up' the astronauts on the International Space station.

Our Eco Council ran a thought provoking Eco Week and an assembly on World Environment Day at the start of June. Beforehand they had taken time to meet with our Estates Manager, Mr. Clint, to clarify exactly what could and couldn't be recycled in the class recycle bins, and shared this with the school.

Links between the Junior and Senior schools continued to develop, and a Year 6 maths enrichment club was set up by Andy Crabtree and a team of A Level students. Sixth form volunteers also assisted form teachers in their classrooms across a range of subjects, drawing on their A Level knowledge.

Table tennis was ever popular and we entered our very first team into the IAPS championships in Watford, last April. We also launched our new tennis programme with pupils in Year 4 and above enjoying specialist 1:1 coaching and taking part in the first ever Clock House Tennis fixture against St Peter's York.

A wide range of clubs are run during lunchtimes and after school. Mrs. Tatham introduced the Junior Dukes for Year 6 pupils. Participating children informed me that they had to complete a number of tasks over the year ranging from learning CPR (First aid module), to Cookery (one pupil made a 3 course meal for her grandmother, finished with homemade churros!), Trip planning (another pupil said she had planned a family trip to London, a 'caring for others' activity (two pupils conducted a litter pick at Cliffe Castle) and there was also an 'averting disaster' module, where they had to speak to mums and dads about turning off the water and electricity supply in the home. All good practical life skills.

Our internet safety week allowed open dialogue for the children and they welcomed the opportunity to ask questions of Senior School prefects about topics that concerned them. These included:

"What do I do if everyone leaves a messaging group and starts a new one without me?" Year 5 child, discussing his experiences related to online messages on a popular gaming platform;

"How does the internet work?" A very difficult question to answer from a Year 2 pupil; and

"Why do people message so late? I'm not allowed my phone then but there's always loads of messages in the morning." Year 6 child.

Musical and theatrical news

Music and performance opportunities were abundant, and last academic year Clock House held two concerts, a music competition, a nativity performance and our choir participated in the Young Voices 2023 event. In addition, lunchtime music recitals proved ever popular and at our Year 6 production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies was a huge success. In terms of accomplishment in the Trinity Music Exams, out of 15 entries, 9 achieved distinctions (60%) and 5 merits (33%). We are also very proud of our talented pupils who took part in event outside of school; these include performances with the National Children's Orchestra, the York Youth Orchestra, the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra, the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and the Delius School of Music. One pupil has performed in Opera North's The Cunning Little Vixen, The Manchester Collective's Noye's Fludde and taken the lead role in The Green Room Community Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka.

BGS Collective Sporting Achievements

- Netball A team U11 HMC Schools' Champions, B team progressed to the **plate** of the competition (the only B team to do so).
- Hockey, Boys 5th place in HMC Schools' Tournament.
- U11 Cricket quarter finalists in HMC 6s Tournament (beaten by the eventual winners).
- HMC Schools' Athletics Championships Qualified for 6 finals across the age groups, U10 Girls Javelin Silver, U11 Girls 100m Bronze.

Individual Sporting Achievements

- Five girls from Years 5 and 6 were selected for West Yorkshire Netball.
- One pupil selected for Leeds Athletic U12 squad to compete at National Finals.
- Three boys playing for Ben Rhydding U10 Hockey Team, winning the Regional Final and progressing to National Finals.
- A nomination for Bradford Sports Personality Squash.

Friends of Clock House

Thank you to our Friends of Clock House team and other assisting parents for their enormous contributions throughout the year. Their unfailing enthusiasm and generosity with their time means a huge amount to the staff and our pupils. A particular mention for Hardip and Cassandra who are standing down at the end of this academic year, as their children move on to Senior School. A heartfelt thanks and looking forward to working with you during your final year at our various upcoming events. We will announce the names of our new representatives in due course.

Fundraising

Examples of fundraising in the Junior school last academic year included:

- Harvest Appeal £1,010 raised for Action Aid. Letters and artwork created by the sponsored children were shared with our pupils during house meetings.
- Children in Need Sponsored Walk £2,723.
- Reverse Advent Calendar Contributions to the Trussell Trust.

Recent news:

The Junior School sponsored the craft tent at the Ilkley Festival, supported by the Head Girl, two other sixth form pupils, the Ben Rhydding Scouts and our FOCH reps.

At the end of the year, we wished our Year 6 leavers well and 54 of our Year 6 pupils transferred from Clock House to Year 7 in the Senior school.

Mrs. Laura Alderson moved on to pastures new having taught music at BGS for over 10 years to take up a music position a little closer to home.

During the summer holidays, the Junior School Development project moved into the 'build phase' in preparation for the introduction of Reception and Year 1 classes in September 2024. The build site (situated behind the existing Clock House building) is securely fenced and completely self-contained.

Pupils in Years 4 to 6 continue to have access to the large playground and Years 2 and 3 pupils have moved to a new dedicated play area at the front of the Clock House building for their break times. They have also enjoyed the occasional excursion to the Governors' Lawn!

This exciting project will realise gains for all pupils, delivering an expanded and enhanced play and outdoor area for pupils in all year groups.

Founders' Day was attended by all JS pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 with the journey being made by train from Frizinghall Station to Bradford Forster Square. Now an annual event for the Junior School and an important opportunity to learn more about the heritage of BGS and to connect together as one school.

Looking ahead:

29 and 30 November – JS Parent Consultation Evenings
7th & 8th Dec – Secret Santa (FOCH)
12 Dec - Y2/3 Christmas Performance – The "Not Now!" Nativity and Pantomime Visit (Alhambra)
19 Dec - Y4-6 Christmas Concert (FOCH Raffle)

Thanks

Lastly, not forgetting a huge thank you to the Junior School staff team and the wider staff

team at BGS who work with such dedication and care to support our young children.

Senior School Deputy Headmaster's Report – Jed Boardman

Some student highlights, not all, of the past 2022/23 year at BGS

Academic qualifications

GCSE and A Level marking and moderation returned to pre-pandemic - CAG, TAG and hybrid – levels. Comparing like for like, our Levels matched our best ever performance from 2017 and GCSEs broke BGS records. So, all in all, we begin the autumn term in good spirits. We won't equal and / or break records every year, that's not realistic, but the slow upwards march of BGS academic standards continues, and needless to say we are incredibly proud of our young people who achieved these outstanding results.

Academic competition achievements and awards

The Senior School's debating team retained their crown as champions in the Bradford University Mock Trial competition.

In Summer Term, BGS Year 11 pupils took first and second place in the annual Leeds University Classics Competition.

An aspiring Year 13 medic was awarded 'Outstanding Student of the Year' at Bradford's 12th annual Community Star Awards, organised by the Telegraph & Argus newspaper and Bradford Council

A Year 12 CCF cadet attended the Tri-service Master Cadet Course and out of 50 participants was 1 of only 2 to receive the Master Cadet qualification

A team of students of various ages, Years 7-12, made it through to the national finals of a major LEGO[®] robotics competition

The Junior School has continued to raise the profile and value of science across the school and was awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) during the academic year.

The Junior School STEM Ambassador team sent a message using their coding skills to the astronauts on the International Space Station.

The Arts

The School continues to deliver a thriving arts programme, in stark contrast to the decline of art and music nationally.

In terms of the arts, weekly recitals, termly concerts and two services at Bradford cathedral have been achieved. Over 400 peripatetic music lessons are taught weekly on all orchestral and band instruments, voice, theory and organ. The majority of students taking Trinity and Associated Board exams were awarded either a merits (39% of entries) or distinction (48% of entries). 3 grade 8s were achieved an A-Level student. 3 students have performed for Opera North in The Cunning Little Vixen at venues in Leeds, Nottingham and Manchester.

Roald Dahl's tale The Witches was performed by the Friday Drama Club. Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth by Tom Stoppard was our most recent whole school production in which 33 students took part on stage, many more were in the crew or worked backstage. Two students performed with companies of The National Theatre at venues in York and London for example, another in Belfast with the British Youth Musical Theatre. One young BGS actor has performed in the film 'The Runaways', the 'Pip and Posy' animation, appeared in various adverts and won a British Animation Award for Best Children's Preschool Series. She also has a key role in series 2 and 3 of the CBeebies television programme Biff, Chip and Kipper. Additionally, a Year 7 pupil was presented with the Most Promising Verse Speaker award at the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts this summer.

This academic year Bradford Grammar Junior School has held two major concerts, a music competition, a nativity performance and participated in the Young Voices 2023 event. There have also been a number of lunchtime music recitals and a Year 6 production. In terms of success in the Trinity Music Exams, out of 15 pupils entered 9 achieved distinctions (60% of entries) and 5 achieved merits (33% of entries). Pupils regularly particate in the National Children's Orchestra, York Youth Orchestra, City of Leeds Youth Orchestra, National Youth Choir of Great Britain and the Delius School of Music. One pupil has performed in a performance of The Cunning Little Vixen with Opera North, Noye's Fludde with The Manchester Collective and taken in the lead role in The Green Room Community Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka.

Sport

The School has a strong track record of accommodating the needs of elite sportsmen and women whilst also fostering participation at all levels of achievement.

A Year 13 student was crowned Leeds Young Sportswoman of the Year 2023 reflecting her two bronze medals at the British Swimming Championships in Dublin and gold at the European Junior Championships in Belgrade.

A Year 10 student rowed for Yorkshire in the Inter Regional Championships and won at the National Junior Sculling Regatta at Eton Dorney.

In tennis, the senior girls made it through to regional and then last round qualifiers for a national cup, giving rise to a UK top 20 schools ranking. U13A boys and girls and U15A girls won West Yorkshire Division 1; boys and girls at both U13B and U15 B levels won West Yorkshire Division 2. A Year 7 tennis player is ranked number one in Britain for U12 girls. 2 students have qualified for the Road to Wimbledon Yorkshire Finals. Additionally, the BGS Tennis Club won a 'highly commended' award at the Yorkshire Tennis Awards 2023.

National and international success has continued in running, cross country and orienteering. BGS students represented England in the domestic U18 Mountain Running Cup and were placed third in the team competition. 2 students competed in the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships in Innsbruck finishing a remarkable fourth and first place, the latter now crowned World Champion. Both girls were the first two GB athletes' home, contributing to a team gold medal. A BGS runner came home 23rd, leading her U20s women's squad to 6th place overall, at the World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Bathurst, Australia. 2 students ran for the U20 GB team in the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships in Thailand. Both had excellent races achieving a silver medal and an 18th place. The U20 team took the team gold medal, meaning both BGS girls finished as World Champions.

Orienteering is thriving at BGS. We achieved our best ever results at the British Schools Score Championships winning the Year 10-13 boys' team gold, and gaining four individual podium finishes. At the main British Schools Championships, we finished 5th in the secondary school competition. At the same event, the Year 10 boys won team silver. One of our senior orienteers was selected to represent GB in the European Orienteering Championships in Bulgaria.

A Year 8 student plays cricket for Lancashire Women's U15s and has signed to Northwest Thunder's Emerging Player Programme, comprising female cricketers from Lancashire, Cheshire and Cumbria. 2 other students, in Years 8, 9 and 11 play cricket for Yorkshire. A Year 12 student has been selected to play at Lords for the English Schools Cricket Association team.

Challenge National (hockey) League debuts have been made by 3 students. One BGS student has been selected for the England Hockey Player Pathway. Our U14s made the National Finals of the England Netball National Schools' Tournament having triumphed in local to reginal qualifying rounds.

Three Year 12 rugby players have been selected for the Yorkshire Rugby Academy squad and one for the comparable Welsh Exiles team. Two Year 12s have been selected for the Northern Schools Lambs team and one Year 13 for the national Lambs squad. Two Year 13s have secured rugby scholarships at North American universities.

In the Junior School the Netball A team won the U11 HMC NE Schools' Champions. 5 girls from Years 5 & 6 selected for West Yorkshire Netball squad. One pupil was selected for Leeds Athletic U12 squad to compete at National Finals. A Year 6 boy was nominated for Bradford Sports Personality award following achievements in squash.

Nominations for Election of New Officers

Jean Pine to continue as Chair.

Proposed by Beth Street (BS)

Seconded by Katie Stitson (KS)

Lucy Alderton to continue as Vice Chair.

Proposed by Jean Pine (JP) Seconded by Katie Travis (KT)

Katie Stitson to continue as Secretary.

Proposed by Samm Thompson (ST)

Seconded by Lucy Alderton (LA)

Katie Travis to continue as Treasurer.

Proposed by Jean Pine (JP) Seconded by Samm Thompson (ST)

Annual PA Contribution

JP reminded the committee that having checked the BGS PA constitution, the annual contribution from families at the start of each academic year should equate to 0.1% of the school fees. Based on the current fee levels, this should therefore be approximately £13p.a. per family, as opposed to £10. It was agreed to increase the annual contribution to £12 p.a. per family.

Action. JP and KT to arrange a meeting to discuss with the school Bursar to agree the increase from the 2024/2025 academic year.

AOB

BS asked for an update on the purchase of the new PA BBQ. It was agreed that LA would update on this at the next regular committee meeting.

Date of next AGM

To be confirmed.