

Minutes of the BGS AGM 14 October 2025

Present

Jed Boardman (JB), Felicity Robertshaw Hughes (FRH), Samm Thompson (ST), Katie Stitson (KS), Lucy Alderton (LA), Katie Travis (KT), Victoria Gore (VG), Victoria Wood Williams (VWW), Lucy Ellwood (LE), Nancy Austwick (NA), Chris Smart (CS), Elsa Mohamed (EM), Qasim Narwaz (QN), Inderdeep Singh (IS)

Apologies

Apologies from Beth Street

2024 AGM Minutes

These were approved.

Proposed by LA

Seconded by VW

Chairperson's Welcome

Good evening, everyone. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and thank you for giving your time and attending the 2025 BGS Parents' Association AGM, both here at school and virtually.

I'm pleased to say that we have most of the executive PA committee in attendance, including those that represent Secondhand Uniform and Friends of Clock House who are here to present their annual reports and answer any questions you may have.

We are also happy to have Mr. Boardman with us representing the Senior school and Mrs. Robertshaw-Hughes representing Clock House.

Chairperson's Report – Lucy Alderton

The last school year was very productive for the Parents' Association.

We supported our annual commitments of leavers hoodies for Year 6 and Year 11, leavers books for Year 13, Transport for the Year 7 Residential and the prizes for Speech Day.

In addition, we also were able to grant several bids from the school, which our Treasurer Katie will discuss in more detail during her report. However, as a highlight, I wanted to share that one of these bids was providing funding to assist the Learning Support Team in creating a new designated "hub" space for their department. It is always so wonderful to see the money raised by the PA being used for something both children and teachers across the school will use. Another successful bid was to support the Lego Robotics Team – "The Incredilegos" - on their Trip to the World Championships in Florida where they had been invited to compete after becoming UK Champions, where we were thrilled to learn that they achieved second place.

It is always a pleasure to support the October School Open Day and as usual we had a fantastic response from Parents to volunteer. This is an event that really shows the school and so many are keen to support us and it's one that everyone enjoys.

We have been very busy on the events front, starting in September when we held our first beetle drive as a way to welcome our new parents from both the senior and Junior schools. It was great to bring the schools together for a PA event for the first time.

In November, we supported an Orienteering event held at school by the Airienteers by providing refreshments, home baking and craft activities for the supporting families.

We also held our Christmas wreath making event, which as usual was a sellout with all attendees leaving with a gorgeous wreath to decorate their home for the festivities.

In January we worked with the Director of Sport to hold an event to officially open the new Aerobic Suite, funded by The Parents Association last school year, giving parents, pupils and visitors a chance to see the new space.

Then in March we held our 2nd community Iftar which again was incredibly well supported in both the planning and attendance by students and parents from across both the senior and junior schools. As promised, the event was much bigger and was held in the price hall so we could accommodate more people. The 2026 Iftar is currently in the early planning stages and as soon as we have a date, we will let people know so they can save it!

Then last but not least in April, we had our Spring Fair, held mostly inside again so the weather could not dampen any spirits. The FoCH team did, however, risk the elements to showcase the amazing new outdoor play areas within the new early years section of Clock house with a fabulous treasure hunt. We had so many contributions from school to bring the event together, the maths department, art department, cadets, interact club, catering department, the Year 7 pupils along with Mrs Tomlinson and lots of support from teaching staff, especially Mr Woods & Mr Merckx. We also held a second-hand uniform sale on the same day, which I am sure Samm will confirm was a hit again. Overall, the event proved to be a great success and a lot of fun for all those that attended.

Putting together the Spring Fair takes a huge amount of effort from the PA, but we couldn't do it without the help of those in school, especially the Estates Team they really are our superheroes! Plus, the DT department who were our creative & building superstars! Lastly, a big thank you to the parent & pupil volunteers we really couldn't run events without you.

Alongside all the events we have also held 5 second hand uniform sales, plus 2 sorting dates. These second-hand uniform events raise a huge amount for the PA and Samm and her team deserve huge praise for all they do. We'll hear more details on the second-hand uniform success from Samm later.

Finally, I would like to express my own gratitude to all the Executive Committee and the regular key PA members for all their support this last school year. You really do all give so much, and I absolutely appreciate you all. Here's to another successful school year of PA activities.

Second Hand Uniform report– Samm Thompson

2024/25 saw the Secondhand Uniform (SHU) continue to grow, with sales once again held regularly throughout the year and in the summer break.

Sales held on Clock house New Families Day and Yr7 Transition Day continue to prove very popular and appreciated by those joining our BGS family, with sales increased on last year's figures.

This year saw the retirement of the old Canterbury sports kit in term of accepting donations, as families were rather looking for second hand New Balance kit, and sales of Canterbury kit were slowing.

Subsequently with the New Balance kit contract finishing and the new Limitless kit yet to come in, we had much less sports kit on offer, but this doesn't seem to have affected sales figures as we thought it might. Preloved NB sports kit is still being accepted in donations for the time being, but there will have to be a point when this is no longer accepted, so that as much stock as possible can be sold through before both the NB and Canterbury kit become defunct in September 2027.

A breakdown of the figures is attached to this report, but in summary, a total of £14,052.00 was taken – an uplift of almost £4,000.00 on last year. Once the credit card fees were paid this meant £9,271.98 went directly to the main PA and £4565.00 was paid collectively to the Sport PA's.

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 always welcome volunteers to come and join us, whether sorting or selling.

Our next sale is scheduled for Saturday 15th November 2025 10:00am - 1:00pm; we look forward to meeting and welcoming families old and new.

Samm & SHU Team

Month	Aug-24	Sep-24	Nov-24	Jan-24	Cash Sales	Sorting session Sales	Paid Direct	Apr-24	June 2024 (CH New Fam)	June 2024 (New Yr7)	Total 24/25
			Cancelled								
Total Sales Taken	£1,300.00	£3,112.00		£1,265.50	£135.00	£142.00	£70.00	£3,643.50	£1,835.00	£2,549.50	£14,052.50
iZettle Fees	£18.42	£50.85		£19.59	£0.00	£2.50	£0.00	£54.16	£30.37	£39.63	£215.52
C/C Deposit	£1,032.58	£2,843.65		£1,095.91	£0.00	£139.50	£0.00	£3,033.34	£1,702.13	£2,261.87	£12,108.98
Cash	£249.00	£217.50		£150.00	£135.00	£0.00	£0.00	£556.00	£102.50	£248.00	£1,658.00
Money to Sports PA's	£426.00	£1,020.00		£434.00	£45.00	£47.00	£23.00	£1,132.00	£602.00	£836.00	£4,565.00
Money to PA	£855.58	£2,041.15		£811.91	£90.00	£92.50	£47.00	£2,457.34	£1,202.63	£1,673.87	£9,271.98
Expenses Paid Out		£58.45		£95.00							
Cash to be Banked		£159.05		£55.00	£135.00			£556.00	£103.00	£258.00	
Sports PA's Breakdown											
Hockey	£106.50	£255.00	£0.00	£108.50	£11.25	£11.75	£5.75	£283.00	£150.50	£209.00	£1,141.25
Rugby	£106.50	£255.00	£0.00	£108.50	£11.25	£11.75	£5.75	£283.00	£150.50	£209.00	£1,141.25
Rowing	£106.50	£255.00	£0.00	£108.50	£11.25	£11.75	£5.75	£283.00	£150.50	£209.00	£1,141.25
Netball	£106.50	£255.00	£0.00	£108.50	£11.25	£11.75	£5.75	£283.00	£150.50	£209.00	£1,141.25

Treasurer's Report – Katie Travis

BGSPA Financial Report 2024-25

Grants made available 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

Donation to fund Learning Support	8,000
PA donation to Florida Lego trip	8,000
Year 11 leaver hoodies	2,970
PGL coach 2025	2,000
Sports Leader Kit	1,297
Year 6 leaver hoodies	995
Speech Day prizes for 2025	780
Bradford Grammar Giving Wall - PA	500
Water polo goal	276
Yr12 walk travel	146
Orienteering event	83
Overprovisions from previous year	-
	<u>1,735</u>
	<u>23,311</u>

Recommended grant distribution 25-26

£20,000

Reserves on 31 July 2025

£39,999

The Accounts Summary will be issued when the review/audit by the School Bursar

Friends of Clock House report – Victoria Gore

This year has seen us continue the successes of previous years, planning and holding events that have worked well and added new ones to the calendar. We have worked alongside the school seeking new opportunities for social events for the pupils at Clock House. Our primary goal is to enhance the academic and social experience of all Clock House pupils.

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to Victoria Wood-Williams who, with myself, took over the role of Friends of Clock House representatives in January 2024. Together we had a really successful 19 months and even planned a few new events.

Our coffee mornings have continued to help us with our planning and given parents an opportunity to listen to subject leads, to talk about the curriculum and the vision they have behind it. We have had several staff offer their time for this, including:

- Mrs. Weaire to talk about maths through Clock House
- Mrs. Green to talk about languages and how they are taught to the different year

groups.

Our most recent coffee morning was held on 3rd October and had a very encouraging turnout with attendance from a lot of new parents as well as old. Fundraising is now a calendar event at both Christmas and Easter. The purchasing of Christmas raffle tickets, raised over £1000 from both Clock House and Senior school parents, the luxury hamper being the coveted star prize, also the Christmas Wreath donated by Mrs. Worsley. The Easter raffle, with another luxury hamper, raised over £900 in ticket sales. Both will be running again this year, and we will be seeking donations from parents in the coming weeks.

FoCH have organised and supported a number of social events and activities for the pupils, including:

- Secret Santa - Selling in excess of over £1800 worth of gifts where children could purchase between 1 and 6 gifts at a price of £5 per gift. Organised via parentmail. Parents helped wrap the presents and host the stalls disguised as elves and we even had a visit from Santa himself for the younger years.
- A Spring themed disco hosted in the Hockney Theatre and run by Andrew from Party Mania Discos was a huge success. We had games, dancing, a photo booth and refreshments, as always it was a fun and enjoyable event for the children. To include the 2 new school years, we decided this year to host a Spring magic fun afternoon on the day of the disco for our reception and year 1 children. We had a magician come into the new early years building and perform some amazing tricks which the children were astounded by. There was also time for some dancing and refreshments.
- Break time treats for Eid, Diwali and Easter along with an extended play. Funds were made available to the student council, allowing them to decide how to mark each of these celebrations. Each student was sent home with a gift linked to each festival, and Vicky and I had the task of buying Easter eggs to mark Easter.

This will be a continued fund made available for student council giving them autonomy to decide how they would like to mark these key religious festivals.

- Last year marked the second Year six leavers celebration. Alongside the school planned activities, FoCH secured a budget of £500 to be spent on a leavers afternoon with parents invited as well. On Wednesday the 2nd of July the sports field and hall played host to an inflatable obstacle course and an ice cream van which was well received by the pupils and parents. The parents and children loved the chance to socialise and look forward to the coming years in senior school. Should funds be allowed, we would wish to continue this, but it may have a different angle each year.

FoCH has continued supporting the main parent association. Last year at the Spring fair, Year 6 pupils helped Mrs. Morley with the artwork for the programme and advertising. The popular Indian street food stall, supplied by Mumbai Bites, was greatly received. Chocolate brownies prepared by Mrs. Gatenby sold out as always, alongside our ever-popular sweet tombola. This year we decided to try something different. Vicky prepared a brilliant treasure hunt around our new outdoor play area in Clock House.

Everyone who took part had a great time and could also have a play on the equipment. Unfortunately, as it was separated from the main fair in the Price Hall, numbers were affected. However, it did give Mr. Ribeiro the opportunity to show a few new families around the amazing facilities, which was worthwhile.

Turning our attention back to the major event of the year, which is Secret Santa. Preparations have already started with our next coffee morning on 21st November being a present wrapping session.

Throughout this last year FoCH have funded two major purchases. One was fencing equipment to enable Mr. Brass to teach his skills to the pupils, and I understand it is already a very popular extracurricular club. The other was for some spike robotics kits which Mrs. Watson greatly appreciated as it will enhance the Lego robotics facilities in Clock House.

This coming year into 2026, we will be working closely with the school to identify areas where we can help fund resources and organise activities for pupils.

FoCH continues to support the school in other ways too, at the end of the summer term we very quickly organised a successful Bake sale in aid of the MND association. We had lots of delicious donations which sold throughout sports day and lots of money was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped us with that.

FoCH 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, and donations of time, gifts and baking none of this would have been possible.

I would like to end by welcoming Shirin who is joining me this year as the new FoCH representative. Our joint hope and aspiration is that FoCH continues to keep pupils at the heart of all that it does. Thank you

Junior School Report – Felicity Robertshaw Hughes

Junior School Report (2024 - 2025)

School life

In September 2025, we welcomed 40 new pupils to Clock House across all year groups. The have made a positive start to the school year, supported by existing pupils as buddies. Our settling in survey suggests that parents too feel that their children are happy, well supported and beginning to feel part of the JS community:

- My child's buddy really welcomed him and helped him to find his feet. xxx's parents should be very proud - he has been kind and supportive.
- We have seen a huge positive change in our son and his approach to school life, he is embracing learning, and he can't wait to share what he has learned that day or celebrate his progress each evening.

Junior School pupils in Year 6 were awarded positions of responsibility including prefects, house captains, school council, eco-council and also STEM ambassadors. A team of Year 6 pupils have been trained as 'Play Leaders' and work alongside the Key Stage 1 team to promote positive play.

Last year was the inaugural year of our Reception and Year 1 project. We welcomed 24 new pupils to Reception and Year 1 and specific new colleagues to support and embed the phase. The pupils quickly became part of school life joining whole school events such as assemblies and Children in Need.

Clock House children also benefitted from the improvements to the school's outdoor space. The Junior School outdoor classroom and amphitheatre enhanced lessons throughout the whole school and all natural playscape was a hugely popular addition to the children's free time. The children's teamwork, resilience and character education have all been positively impacted. Timetabled outdoor learning sessions have continued this year, and these will also see investment in staff training.

The Junior School's STEM and Robotics club continues to be hugely popular and last year the pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an internal Lego robotics competition. The STEM ambassadors also led their peers in a range of activities for science day, and new ambassadors have been appointed for the year ahead. The Year 6 children also took part in the Junior Maths challenge alongside Senior School pupils, and 5 children were selected for the second round with one going even further to compete alongside Year 8 pupils. The Humanities lead has introduced exciting updates across Key Stage 1 and beyond. Year 1 welcomed a new RS and Humanities curriculum, with Year 2 restructured to ensure continuity from our new year groups. History learning was enriched through artefact boxes from local museums, and educational visits supported new local history topics. Geography highlights included a successful Eco Council campaign on food waste and a new Year 6 visit to Drax Power Station, linking Science and Geography. In RS, all year groups engaged with a refreshed curriculum and meaningful faith visits, including trips to churches, mosques, synagogues, and gurdwaras.

Residential visits took place in every year group from Year 2 – 6 and these included with visits to the Lake District and North Yorkshire to support the curriculum, carry out fieldwork 2 and to develop teamwork and collaboration.

New activities further enhanced the Year 2 trip with the children engaging in ghyll scrambling for the first time. Our Year 1 children stepped out on school visits each term and a gory day at the Thackray Medical Museum was a highlight for many bloodthirsty children.

A wide range of clubs were run during lunchtimes and after school, pupils enjoyed opportunities in firm favourites such as Young Voices Choir as well as newer offerings such as nature explorers and cheerleading. Clubs are refreshed each term and offer pupils opportunities to try new activities and make new friends. Last year more than 1500 club places were allocated to Junior School pupils across the year, and every pupil took part in a minimum of 2 clubs.

Musical and theatrical news

During the academic year Bradford Grammar Junior School held two major concerts for Years 4 to 6, a Nativity performance and Spring Concert for Years 2 and 3, a music competition and participated in the Young Voices 2025 event which saw the pupils returning to Manchester for the first time in several years. We also held a number of lunchtime music recitals and a Year 6 production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. A Year 6 production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet incorporating both drama and music was also a major highlight. In terms of success in the TCL and ABRSM Music Exams, 13 pupils were entered and 9 achieved distinctions (69% of entries), 2 achieved merits (15% of entries) and there were 2 passes (15% of entries). Pupils regularly participate in the Bradford Youth Orchestra, the National Children's Choir, Bradford and Airedale Youth Choir, Northern Dance Centre and are entered for local music festivals.

Sport and PE

Pupils in the Junior School benefited from a comprehensive PE/Games offer which saw specialist teaching extend even to our youngest children. This is planned to provide opportunity to develop skills and abilities within the curriculum and also to represent the school on sporting fixtures. As part of our commitment to a holistic approach, selecting for fixtures is influenced by children's attendance at training sessions and positive attitude.

Year 6 Leavers

Last year, the children enjoyed a Year 6 leavers' picnic, and we would like to thank Friends of Clock House for their organisation and financing of this event. It offered pupils the chance to compete for their Houses and the event culminated this year with a parents' tug of war contest which was greatly enjoyed by the pupils.

At the end of the summer term, we wished our Year 6 leavers well and 48 out of 51 of our Year 6 pupils transferred from Clock House to Year 7 in the Senior School. A collaborative approach with the new HOY 7 helped to ensure a smooth transition for these children.

Prize Giving June 2025

We were honoured to welcome Dr Amir Khan as our Guest of Honour at last year's Prizegiving. A former BGS pupil, Dr Khan, is now a respected doctor, author, and TV presenter. His inspiring speech reminded us of all of the power of education, kindness, and perseverance, leaving a lasting impression on pupils and families alike. Our Key Stage One and EYFS pupils enjoyed their own prizegiving assembly that celebrated each child's unique and individual achievements with their family.

The end-of-year parent picnic for Reception was a hugely popular event and allowed the children to take home souvenir pottery paintings to mark their time as Bradford Grammar's very first reception class.

Colleagues

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Buckley following her departure from Clock House after over ten years of dedicated service. As a form teacher for Years 3 to 5, and leader of Forest School, she inspired pupils with her love of learning and the outdoors. Her contributions to clubs, trips, and countless school events enriched the lives of many. Mrs. Buckley's warmth, patience and commitment to every child's wellbeing and progress—especially through her leadership of SEND provision—have built a strong foundation for several learners. She will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and families alike.

We also said goodbye to Mrs. Allen over the summer holidays, who with deep gratitude for her creativity, warmth and dedication. She inspired children through computing, crafted magical lessons, and nurtured those who needed it most. Her calm presence, generosity, and belief in every child's potential made a lasting impact. Jo's legacy lives on in the lives she touched.

Friends of Clock House

Thank you to our Friends of Clock House team for their significant contributions throughout the year. The children benefitted from gifts at festival times such as Diwali, festive events and discos to name just a few. Particularly generous donations also included approximately £1000 towards our growing Lego robotics programme and £1200 to get fencing club in fighting form. Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Wood-Williams worked tirelessly as our Friends of Clock House representatives and particular thanks to Mrs. Wood-Williams who has joined the BGSPA as her children are all in Senior School now. They hosted a very well attended Coffee Mornings and proved at other key events throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Mohamed to work alongside Mrs. Gore this year and they have already enjoyed a popular parent coffee morning 2 weeks ago.

Fundraising

In the Junior School several successful fundraising activities were held. In October 2024, the Harvest Appeal Bake Sale raised over £1,000, contributing £610 to Action Aid for sponsoring four children overseas and £300 to Winston's Wish from the surplus. Throughout these efforts, Junior School houses are actively engaged by sharing letters and drawings with sponsored children. Additionally, donations of dried and tinned foods were collected for Bradford Central Foodbank. November's Sponsored Walk raised £340 for Children in Need. In December, the British Heart Foundation benefited from a post-Christmas Concert collection (£240) and a Christmas Jumper Day (£114). In February 2025, NSPCC received £124 from Number Day, and in June 2025, the Clock House Sports Day Bake Sale raised £380 and pupil sponsorship raised a further £2990 for the MND association Yorkshire branch.

Looking ahead:

- 20 - 21 October – JS Harvest Festival Fundraising
- 25 & 26 November – JS Parent Consultation Evenings
- 5 & 6 Dec – Secret Santa (FOCH)
- 11 Dec – Rec/Y1/Y2 Nativity
- 16 Dec – Y3-6 Christmas Concert (FOCH Raffle)

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Junior School staff and the wider BGS team, whose care, commitment and teamwork continue to support and nurture our young learners every day. Their hard work behind the scenes makes a real difference to the children's experience and progress across the school

Senior School Report – Jed Boardman

Academic Standing

51% of GCSE results in 2025 were graded 8 or 9, and 71% were graded 7 to 9. Over a third of pupils scored at least an average of grade 8 and almost 60% scored at least an average of grade 7 (the 'old' A grade).

Over 84% of A Level grades in 2025 were at A* to B standard, with 58% at A* to A and 21% A* grades. 9 pupils achieved three or more A* grades, of whom 3 scored a magnificent four grades at A*. One pupil managed a very impressive one A* and four A grades. STEM subjects had a very strong year with 80% of all A Level Maths grades either A* or A, and over three-quarters of Further Maths grades at A* or A. 70% of Computer Science grades were also A* or A, and two-thirds of Physics grades were the top grades too. The school has enormous talent in Art with all 6 grades achieved an A* - a phenomenal achievement. Our results in A Level PE were also exceptional this year, with all five candidates obtaining an A or A* grade.

Although there is much more to the school than public examination outcomes, the school is justifiably proud of the outstanding GCSE and A Level results achieved by its pupils. These cohorts had the earlier part of their secondary education disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and several episodes of lockdown and remote learning, and the School believes that their superb academic achievements are due to their hard work and perseverance, as well as to the decisions that the School took in 2020/21 to maintain the exceptional standard of education that we are proud of.

School Life and Co-Curricular Activities

The school's rich ethnic diversity offers daily opportunities for pupils to appreciate and learn about different cultures and their values and beliefs; friendship groups are not bound by cultural or religious homogeneity. Pupils have access to a wealth of co-curricular activities which build cultural capital and develop the whole individual.

Regular and compulsory Personal Development sessions are embedded within the Senior School curriculum and PHSE within the Junior School, fostering reflection and self-efficacy. The school's dedicated Pastoral Team is staffed with Heads of Year, two nurses and a diverse body of external mental health specialists, contracted to the school and resident on site on a weekly rotation. Pastoral Prefects (peer to peer supporters) also ensure that Senior School pupils feel happy, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. The Junior School also benefits from nursing support and one-to-one support led by form teachers, enabled by the Junior School Deputy Head.

As part of the School's Personal Development Programme, pupils are given the opportunity to participate in a live virtual session with external guest speakers. Guest speakers in Years 7 to 11 have given talks on a diverse range of topics including Everyone's Invited, Right Wing Extremism, Gambling, Criminality and the Prison System and the National Farming Union.

Bradford Hub delivered sessions to each Y8 form on being Dementia Friends and Split Second drama group delivered a session on distractions caused by mobile phones and road safety to Year 7. Year 9 had the annual visit from Rob Higgs who presented his antibullying drama performance. Michael Haines presented the personal story of his brother's abduction by ISIS to Year 10, and Year 11 learned about Careers in the Army from the army's regional office recruiting team.

In Years 12 and 13, an additional programme of external speakers has included Glen Parsons, a barrister talking about diversity within the legal profession and the importance of community action, Bilal Mohammed, a motivational speaker looking at aspiration and growth mindset, and two Everyone's Invited speakers on gender issues and a presentation from the Anthony Nolan Trust on bone marrow donation. Year 12 received guidance about choosing a university course from a member of Lancaster University's recruitment team and Year 13 learned about student finance from a speaker from Sheffield University.

In the Junior School, the pupils fostered links with local places of worship and visited these as part of their RS curriculum. Pupils in Year 6 were given the opportunity to take part in the Junior Duke of Edinburgh award and several of the participants undertook acts of service such as litter picking and working with homeless charities as part of this.

Academic competition achievements and awards

A team of BGS pupils were crowned UK champions in the national finals of a global LEGO competition, earning a place at the world championships in Florida. In the USA, the team performed outstandingly well. In their international debut, they secured second place in one of the four main categories of the competition. This is an achievement that many established teams at the international stage have yet to reach. It reflects the exceptional standard the BGS team has been working at.

A Year 13 pupil scored in the top 0.5% in the University of Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, and one of our Year 11 Art candidates was highly commended by exam board OCR for achieving one of the highest marks nationally in the GCSE examination.

One Year 13 pupil secured a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship which will support him through university.

One Year 13 pupil achieved a gold medal on the national Biology Olympiad challenge and additionally in the top 0.5% for a national Cambridge Chemistry competition.

The Arts

Junior School pupils take part in a number of musical ensembles with several of them run by the visiting music teachers. These include orchestra, choir, brass group, flute group, string group, guitar group, rock band and samba band and there are a number of informal music recitals that take place throughout the year. Many pupils also receive individual instrumental lessons throughout their time at the Junior School which they then carry on with into the Senior School.

The Junior School holds a Nativity performance and Spring Concert for EYFS and KS1 pupils, two major concerts at Christmas and Spring for KS2 pupils, a music competition and participated in Young Voices events. A Year 6 production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet incorporating both drama and music was also a major highlight.

In terms of success in the TCL and ABRSM Music Exams, 13 pupils were entered and 9 achieved distinctions (69% of entries), 2 achieved merits (15% of entries) and there were 2 passes (15% of entries). Pupils regularly participate in the Bradford Youth Orchestra, 'Yorchestra', the National Children's Choir, Bradford and Airedale Youth Choir, Northern Dance Centre and are entered for local music festivals.

The Senior School concert programme was busy with many pupils participating in school musical events. Senior Choir performed twice at Bradford Cathedral for the Founders' Day Service and the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The four school choirs were showcased throughout the year at all concerts, including the Choral Concert when Senior Choir performed Fauré's Requiem, accompanied by a professional orchestra and soprano and baritone soloists. The Close Harmony Group performed a pop acapella repertoire in the first half along of this concert with the Junior Choir, fresh from their success at the Skipton Music Festival where they were awarded a rare 'exceptional' grading.

At Christmas and Leavers' Concerts, pupils performed a wide variety of music ranging from Rimsky Korsakov's Trombone Concerto to Soul, Samba and Jazz repertoire. The whole of Year Seven performed at the school's Christmas Concert enabling every member of the school community to be welcomed into the musical life of the school. These concerts were part of an extensive programme of music that also included smaller, weekly recitals in the Auditorium performed to more modest sized audiences and in a relaxed setting to encourage participation and build the confidence of musicians.

Many students take individual music lessons, with 350 lessons taught a week on all orchestral and pop instruments, theory and organ by a team of self-employed Music Teachers. Three sessions of Associated Board and Trinity College of Music instrumental exams were held at the school. Students were very successful in these, with 86% of candidates awarded either a merit or distinction.

'And Then There Were None' is an Agatha Christie play which was performed in the senior school over three days to packed houses in the Hockney Theatre. Matinee performances were also put on for local primary school children. A cast and crew comprising over 20 pupils made this possible.

Sport

Orienteering: At the British Schools Championships in Kent, the team won three national year group trophies (Years 8, 11 and 12 boys) and they were the silver medal winning secondary school overall; they later won the Yorkshire Schools Championships. A Year 8 pupil was the latest pupil to represent England.

Netball: U14 & U16 squads qualified for the regional round of the National Schools Netball Competition, With the U14s qualifying as West Yorkshire champions with the U14s missing out on national finals by one place. The U13s reached the final day of the Sisters in Sport National netball cup, placing 3rd Nationally.

At the U11 Northeast Junior Schools Tournament, BGS didn't manage to retain the Cup but came a respectable 7th out of 30 teams and a BGS pupil was awarded player of the tournament. A Year 11 pupil has been selected for the Manchester Thunder U16 Netball Premier League squad.

Tennis: For the first time in BGS tennis history, a cup returned up north from the Independent Schools Championships. A girls doubles pair in the U15 competition won the Ashbury Bailey shield, winning 9 out of 10 matches over 3 days. The boys Year 9/10 schools team tennis team are through to regional knockouts for the north with a good chance of getting to national finals. A Year 10 boy was crowned Yorkshire U14's boys doubles and singles champion. The U13 boys' team are West Yorkshire Champions and they and the U16 girls team finished second in a regional competition. A member of the U13 Team was awarded young volunteer of the year by Table Tennis England for his commitment to Baildon Table Tennis Club.

Rugby and Rugby 7s: Two boys in Year 12 have been selected to train and play with the Yorkshire Academy Squad. The U13 7s team won the Durham and Pocklington 7s tournaments. At the U11 Northeast Junior School Tournament, BGS won all games comfortably in the 'B' category. BGS were runner up at the U11 West Yorkshire Prep Schools Cup.

Hockey: Two pupils in Years 11 & 12 are part of the England Hockey Talent Academy and represent Ben Rhydding's ladies first team in the national league. The U15 Girls reached the finals day of the Independent Schools Hockey Plate.

Rowing: A Year 13 pupil represented Great Britain at Beach Sprint Rowing Racing. Another pupil in Year 10 finished 7th at the British Rowing National Championships in a single.

Gymnastics: this year was a milestone for BGS, with four teams qualifying for the Acro and Floor & Vault National Finals, a first for the school. The U19 Girls Acro team won gold, securing BGS's first regional title in the category. Individually 3 BGS pupils were named the highest-scoring individual performers at the ESGA competition. Nationally, the U14 Floor & Vault team represented Yorkshire to win bronze, while the U10 and U14 ESGA Acro teams both brought home silver. At junior level, BGS debuted at the Calderdale Gymnastics Competition, giving younger pupils their first taste of competition.

Cricket: A Year 13 pupil played for the England U19 squad and signed their first professional contract for Yorkshire County Cricket Club. A Year 11 pupil has trialled for the England U19 women's team whilst representing Lancashire at senior level throughout the summer. The U15 Boys won the Mersey Cup for the first time. The U15 Girls team reached the final of the Molly Staines Cup defeating Scarborough college to become champions. BGS reached the final of the U11 Northeast Junior School Tournament.

Swimming: A recent Old Bradfordian represented Great Britain at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore. Another recent Old Bradfordian and member of BGS Aquatics Squad, represented Great Britain at European Junior level in September. He finished tenth, just one minute behind the leader. Athletics: A Junior School became the Northeast Champion in U11 long jump.

At the district level of the English Schools Athletics Competition, there were exceptional individual performances, leading to the Intermediate Boys team winning first place, and the Intermediate Girls and Junior Boys finishing as 37 runners-up. All 3 teams advanced to the Regional A Finals in Derby, where they each placed fifth overall - an impressive achievement at such a high level of competition.

Public benefit

The school continues to allow free use of its facilities to support, for example:

- Multi-sports activities for junior school children from, for example, St Walburga's and St Cuthbert's Junior Schools.
- Academic enrichment activities including science workshops.
- The annual Brownlee Triathlon which, annually, attracts 1000s of local primary age school children from across Yorkshire.
- Martin House Hospice Sports Annual Day and Garden Party.
- Local charity The Education Alliance for Life Chances (EALC) has its offices, rent free, at School as we seek to develop a local hub for on site for education / health place-based social enterprises / charities.
- An MCC cricket hub for state school children is accommodated at BGS.
- Additionally, School facilities are leased at discounted rates to local sports clubs and community groups through its trading company BGS Commercial Activities Limited (BGSCA Ltd). This has included: The University of Bradford hockey club who hire the Astroturf facilities.
- Three local swimming clubs use the Adrian Moorhouse swimming pool in non-school hours.
- Local primary schools, including Low Ash Primary, make use of the Adrian Moorhouse swimming pool. Wilsden Badminton Club hire the Sports Hall each week.
- The Inspirational Women Foundation hire the Barn and Squash Courts at a discounted rate to facilitate a safe environment for women in the local community to play sports.
- Netball clubs including Leeds Rhinos, Elite and Trinity hire the Barn on a regular basis, in addition to local women's rounders club Hepworth Idle.
- Kings Camps took place in October half term, Easter and Summer holidays, as part of a long-term ongoing arrangement.
- Bradford Festival Choral society hire the Price Hall each year for their concerts, as do the West Yorkshire Mark Master Masons.
- Dance performances were also hosted in the Hockney Theatre by Aaloron and Attitude Dance.

Pupils at School volunteer widely in the community, for example:

- Skipton Tennis Centre (STC), including a youth tennis challenge for the sixth time. This event was hosted at Skipton and saw more than 50 children take part in challenges across three zones covering match play, skills and multi-sports. The school has additionally sponsored two tennis tournaments for local junior school pupils, hosted at Skipton and at School and our Sixth Form Sports Leaders regularly volunteer their services leading STC multi-activity sessions for primary school age children.
- Sixth Form Sports Leaders volunteer more widely at various primary schools in Bradford, for example at Beckfoot Heaton and Frizinghall, and at South Craven secondary school.

- Year 12 volunteers supported reading schemes at, for example, Frizinghall Primary School and Clock House.
- Various musical performances have been well received at a range of local care homes and
- Sixth Former undertake weekly volunteering activity in other care homes close to the school.

Our pupils are encouraged to be active agents in the local and global community through volunteering and a range of other programmes. The following are additional examples of such activities this year:

- The school's work with the NHS Born in Bradford (BiB) research team on their 'Age of Wonder' project has continued. In December students in Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in an online survey designed to capture the voice of secondary school children in Bradford, to gather their views on the environment, mental health and wellbeing, demographics, physical health and health behaviours, identity and discrimination, and the use of digital and social media. In January, following a BiB presentation to parents at the Year 9 Information Evening, 26 students opted to give blood samples. In June the BiB team spent half a day at BGS undertaking additional research.
- The Sixth Form supported the Anthony Nolan Trust's 'Hero Project' and 28 students signed up for the stem cell donor register.
- Years 9-11 have worked on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (over 100 pupils) and Silver (over 50 students) Awards' community service component volunteering for local good causes, as have Gold Award participants (over 20) in the Sixth Form.
- Manningham Youth Talks, a platform for young people in the immediate locality of the school to engage in dialogue and community action, has been revived with Sixth Form pupils meeting fortnightly (with support from The Linking Network).

In terms of fundraising, pupils and the wider BGS community raised funds for a range of charities and causes including £1140 for Motor Neurone Disease (MND), £500 for Hello Yellow Mental Health (Young Minds), £303 for Great Ormond Street Hospital, £654 for Martin House Hospice.

In addition, food donations were collected in October for the Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank, toiletries for the Leeds charity Women's Health Matters, Easter eggs for JCI Bradford's Easter appeal and sports kit for Action for Sport.

In the Junior School several successful fundraising activities were held: The Harvest Appeal Bake Sale raised over £1,000, contributing £610 to Action Aid for sponsoring four children overseas and £300 to Winston's Wish from the surplus. Throughout these efforts, Junior School houses actively engaged by sharing letters and drawings with sponsored children. Additionally, donations of dried and tinned foods were collected for Bradford Central Foodbank. A sponsored walk raised £340 for Children in Need. The British Heart Foundation benefited from a post-Christmas Concert collection (£240) and a Christmas Jumper Day (£114). The NSPCC received £124 from Number Day. A sports day bake sale raised £380 for MND.

Nominations for Election of New Officers

Lucy Alderton to continue as Chair.

Proposed by Katie Stitson (KS)

Seconded by Vicky Wood Williams (VWW)

Vicky Wood Williams to become Vice Chair.

Proposed by Lucy Alderton (LA)

Seconded by Victoria Gore (VG)

Katie Stitson to continue as Secretary.

Proposed by Lucy Alderton (KA)

Seconded by Vicky Wood Williams (VWW)

Bob Ubhi to become Treasurer.

Proposed by Lucy Alderton (LA)

Seconded by Katie Stitson (KS)

Date of next AGM

This was agreed as 13/10/2026