



the bbg bulletin

Every year, as we gather to say 'Bon voyage' to our illustrious leavers, I cast my mind back, as I'm sure their parents and carers do, to when they first arrived here at BBG.

The building wasn't quite as big, then. In fact, the Class of 2023 arrived amid building works, dust and demolition as our 'New Build' was being built. They navigated the barriers and the disruption, at times even having lessons outside when the GCSEs began, and we needed extra rooms for exams! But they found a way, through all of that, to make it work and to make the most of their time.

Then, when they were in year 8 - the pandemic arrived. An unforeseen, indelible change to the rhythm of learning, and school, and all the interactions we take for granted. They, just as we all, had to adapt, and quickly - to maintain their momentum and to not lose pace with their learning. It was tough, but they did it, finding their own paths through lockdowns and bubbles, more disruption and change.

They are to be commended for this - their ability to adapt, and to forge ahead, to find a way and to persevere in the face of hardship. It is, in fact, this precise resilience that led to their name - the BBG Pathfinders. They have, through everything that life has managed to throw at them during their time here at BBG, managed to find their way through to this, here, today. This celebration of the hard work and commitment each and every student has taken part in, to get to this point.

To say we are proud of the path that they have taken is an understatement. They are, to each person, a shining example of what we hope our #TeamBBG exemplifies: young people who celebrate the small wins, who demonstrate kindness and perseverance, who stand up and speak out when they need to, and who show the highest form of respect for themselves and for others.



More Photos Next Week!

Our
Performer

class of
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Harriet Clark

Our graduation song this year was performed by Harriet Clark. Harriet is a fabulous musician, who, as well as singing, also plays piano and saxophone. She performs with the Opera North youth programme, and the national Youth Choir of Great Britain.

Harriet chose this year's song herself, and performed it as a tribute to all the parents in the audience who have watched their children grow into the fantastic young adults that we see before us. A very poignant message, and beautifully sung!

As another famous Abba song says...
Thank you for the Music Harriet!

*Schoolbag in hand, she leaves home in the early morning
Waving goodbye with an absent-minded smile
I watch her go with a surge of that well-known sadness
And I have to sit down for a while*

*The feeling that I'm losing her forever
And without really entering her world
I'm glad whenever I can share her laughter
That funny little girl*

*Slipping through my fingers all the time
I try to capture every minute
The feeling in it
Slipping through my fingers all the time
Do I really see what's in her mind?
Each time I think I'm close to knowing
She keeps on growing
Slipping through my fingers all the time*

*Sleep in our eyes, her and me at the breakfast table
Barely awake, I let precious time go by
Then when she's gone, there's that odd melancholy feeling
And a sense of guilt I can't deny*

*What happened to the wonderful adventures
The places I had planned for us to go?
(Slipping through my fingers all the time)
Well, some of that we did but most we didn't
And why? I just don't know*

*Slipping through my fingers all the time
I try to capture every minute
The feeling in it
Slipping through my fingers all the time
Do I really see what's in her mind?
Each time I think I'm close to knowing
She keeps on growing
Slipping through my fingers all the time*

*Sometimes I wish that I could freeze the picture
And save it from the funny tricks of time
Slipping through my fingers*

Slipping through my fingers all the time

*Schoolbag in hand, she leaves home in the early morning
Waving goodbye with an absent-minded smile*

Award
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ART

This student worked tirelessly and independently to create striking artwork for their GCSE. Using their own research and ideas to skilfully develop excellent outcomes, they soon became a master in using a variety of materials and resources.

A perfectionist through and through, they developed work of outstanding quality throughout the course.

THIS AWARD GOES TO ABIGAIL BAINES



ART

This student fully immersed themselves in their Art GCSE project work, with an absolute passion and fascination for Manga which has extended out of school too.

After attending comic cons and successfully entering competitions they successfully created work of an outstanding quality for her GCSE in Art.

THE SECOND AWARD GOES TO GEMMA DAVIES-CARR



BUSINESS

This student is one of the most polite students in the school, he offers to help in every lesson and leaves every lesson in appreciation saying 'Thank you Miss'.

They have an excellent work ethic towards all topics and content which has been covered throughout the year. Even when some theory has been tough they have persevered and spent their own time revising and working on topics which is reflected in their grades and achievements.

GOOD LUCK AND WELL DONE ILLIA BOIKO



BUSINESS

This student has worked extremely hard this year. They have demonstrated true resilience and determination and has taken great responsibility for their learning through a challenging year. Nothing gets in their way and they have a fantastic work ethic, all of which has been rewarded with their achievements in Business.

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE WATTS



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

What an absolute delight to teach. This student's diligence and attention to detail secured incredible results in both the coursework and examinable elements of the course. Not gaining Distinction Star was never in question!

WELL DONE PHEBE FIRTH



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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This student's quiet demeanor, yet fierce determination to succeed was backed up by an incredible work ethic. Securing Distinction Star in all aspects of the course, this student was a dream to teach.

CONGRATULATIONS KATE MALEHAM



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Quietly awesome – this student's Distinction Star was testament to their outstanding work ethic. Conscientious and meticulous, we could not be more proud.

WELL DONE FREYA NOLAN



COMPUTER SCIENCE

This student has loved computers since primary school. He has programmed since he could write. He learns a new language every year. He already has the coding skills to fulfil the A level requirements at A* Grade standard.

The challenge for him was the part of the course that wasn't coding, and he worked hard to ensure that he achieved the Grade 9. Staggeringly clever, staggeringly focused. Tech Billionaire in the making.

THE AWARD GOES TO JOSHUA RHODES



CREATIVE iMEDIA

This student has a fantastic attitude to their studies. There has been real progression through the years. They produce work of great quality, meets all deadlines, helps others. Pragmatic at times, they know where they want to go, but they produce every time.

A great Computer Science and Creative iMedia student, and somebody with a brilliant future.

THIS AWARD GOES TO OWEN McGENN



CREATIVE iMEDIA

What a fantastic year for this student. Difficult deadlines have been met; extra work has been undertaken. Attitude and effort have been spot on.

They are creative, mature and upbeat. Every time you set a task; you know that they will produce the best work they could have produced. The designs for their graphic and website look professional, the planning is detailed, the evaluation is thoughtful.

THE SECOND AWARD GOES TO HANNAH PEACE



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DESIGN

This student has worked consistently hard, striving for quality, always measured and considered in their application of the assessment criteria.

CONGRATULATIONS CLARK BLOCKLEY

DRAMA

This student is a team player, very committed and incredibly hard working. She worked tirelessly throughout the GCSE course, and produced an incredibly emotive performance. Her portfolio work was fantastic, and her knowledge of the written exam content led her to a brilliant achievement in her GCSE.

We wish her well for her future, and, although she has chosen not to study drama at college, I am sure that she will continue to perform in the community.

WELL DONE MIA BOSTOCK

DRAMA

This student never stopped wanting to improve. They led others, had fabulous, creative ideas for performances, and was driven from day one. Her grade 7 in GCSE Drama in Year 10 was incredibly well deserved and absolutely not surprising!

I wish her well as she goes on to study the triple threat subjects (music, dance and drama) at CAPA college. Watch this space- she will be a star!

CONGRATULATIONS JEMIMA EKLID

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Over this last year, this student has worked extremely hard making fantastic progress in English. Their determination, resilience and commitment to improving has been commendable - even when things were challenging. It has been a pleasure to have been part of their journey this year.

A WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TO HANA IBNOUZAKI

ENGLISH LITERATURE

This student approaches everything they do with quiet determination and focus. Throughout the last two years, they have taken on board feedback and continuously worked to improve, even when they have found things challenging.

They are a model of resilience and commitment, and have been an absolute pleasure to teach.

A MUCH DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL JACKSON



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This student is one of those unique individuals who is gifted at English Language and Literature, but is humble and works hard to improve too.

His teacher has watched this student over the years, sharing their work, helping other students and conscientiously ploughing on in his endeavours to be the best they can be. Their understanding of vocabulary and their work ethic have served them well and they have shone.

It hasn't always been plain sailing though; grades have fluctuated at times, but they have never been distracted by this and - I feel - has shown resilience and maturity throughout their English journey.

WELL DONE ALI SHAH

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Attention to detail, dedication and work effort propelled this student to greatness this year. Their empathic nature and compassion translates to their ability to understand works of literature and interpret texts in an insightful way.

Their positive attitude, growth mindset and resilience is admirable. They have worked hard to improve their time management - with outstanding results in mocks and always strives for the best.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGINA BALDWIN

FOOD

This student has been such a fantastic member of the Food class, always giving 100% effort in practical and theory work. They have worked at a consistently high standard the whole year.

WELL DONE MEGAN BRACEWELL

FOOD

Throughout their Food GCSE year this student has given their all. They have worked so hard to reach the outstanding level they have achieved and deserves every success that comes their way in Food and all her subjects.

CONGRATULATIONS LAUREN DALTON

FRENCH

This student has shown an incredible work ethic and is fully deserving of the nomination for the French subject prize. They work hard every lesson, completes revision outside of lesson and will go on to achieve great things in their future.

FÉLICITATIONS TO HANNAH PEACE



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FRENCH

This student has shown a real linguistic flair from Year 7 and has seemed to progress effortlessly, achieving grade 9 in most disciplines already in Year 10 mocks.

Their confidence in speaking is remarkable and her teacher thinks that they can't wait to get out there and explore the world in whatever language they choose.

YOU'VE BEEN A DREAM TO TEACH LAYLA-RAE SYKES



GEOGRAPHY

This is a student who has consistently impressed the Geography department through engagement and willingness to succeed. They have been such a fabulous student to teach over the last couple of years, bringing her passion for Geography, alongside her fantastic personality into (and out of!!) the classroom.

Kiera has been so dedicated to achieving her best within the subject and arguably takes the most wanted position of Geography's number 1 Cheerleader of the Year.

MASSIVE WELL DONE KIERA VOYCE



GEOGRAPHY

Throughout both Year 10 and 11 this student has worked consistently hard. They have a natural ability for the subject, but regardless of this always pushes herself to the next level. Not only is she brilliant at the subject, due to her hard work, but she is a thoughtful, kind, and positive member of the classroom.

YOU DESERVE ALL THE CREDIT LAUREN DALTON



HISTORY

This student has demonstrated all key qualities for success at GCSE History and beyond.

Firstly, their resilience, as evidenced by improvements in mock examinations before embarking on the real thing.

Secondly, commitment, demonstrated in their relentless pursuit of improvement in recognition that every mark counts. Thirdly, talent, evidenced in a sophisticated written style and their ability to 'connect the dots' in our broad study of History.

THIS AWARD GOES TO ABIGAIL BAINES



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HISTORY

Since teaching this student in Year 7 they have always worked hard in History. They are so focussed and always put a 100% commitment and effort into her work. They consistently get the top marks in all the History assessments and has a natural flair and talent for writing.

They are so humble and calm and always takes feedback about any rare exam mistakes they make with a smile and resilience to improve her technique. Their classmates are in awe of their ability to write fantastic answers under time pressure and their work is used as the perfect model answer. They keen to answer questions In class and will research information outside of lessons. They are a true independent learner. An outstanding student who has consistently worked hard and deserves to do extremely well.

THE SECOND AWARD GOES TO PHEBE FIRTH

MATHEMATICS

This student has been working so hard this academic year in maths. Their classwork and homework is always completed to the best of their ability. They will always ask if they need extra help and support in order to succeed. This has led to them making big improvements over this academic year.

WELL DONE LIBBY KERSHAW

MATHEMATICS

This student has an amazing work ethic in Maths. In lessons they always work to a high standard which leads to producing some amazing pieces of work.

They are always contributing to lessons and are not scared to get things wrong. Further, they are very confident in questioning to deepen their mathematical understanding as they know it will help them succeed. They also attends voluntary period 0's.

WELL DONE ZAID PATEL

PHOTOGRAPHY

This student is always wanting to do their very best and develop their skills within photography.

They have been committed to the course and have put in the extra hours after school.

WELL DONE MILLIE LAVIN



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MUSIC

The GCSE music course ran last year as an additional GCSE, with students from three different year groups. This student impressed us from day one.

Their background knowledge and interest in a variety of styles of music was a strength, and their ability to recognise even fine detail in the music they listened to was outstanding. They often arrived in lessons armed with a list of questions from the extra work they had been doing at home.

Their composition work was creative and imaginative, and they were never satisfied until it was perfect. Their performances on piano and voice were incredible.

They will definitely go far. Well done, and thank you for the commitment you have shown to your music over the years.

SHE'S BEEN IN THE LIMELIGHT ONCE ALREADY, HARRIET CLARK!



PHOTOGRAPHY

This student has shown amazing resilience from the start of photography. They have had their ups and downs with the subject but never gave up. They were committed to the course and put in the extra hours after school and in the school holidays to make sure she completed all her coursework.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO GIVE THIS AWARD TO MOLLY THURSTAN



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This student has shown fantastic resilience throughout the course. They always want to improve, and be the best they can be! A truly worthy recipient of the PE award.

CONGRATULATIONS HUDSON ROWAN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This is a brilliant student within GCSE PE. They have a fantastic attitude towards their time studying the subject. They have been resilient throughout, a pleasure to teach and the PE department are super proud of the outcome they achieved!

VERY WELL DONE NIALL SYKES



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PSYCHOLOGY

This student has consistently shown themselves to be an extremely resilient and determined student. Their passion for the Social Sciences is clear to see and this is reflected in the work that has been produced throughout the year and in the MANY assessments that have been completed.

Their teacher is sure that they will go on to achieve great things in whatever field they choose to go into next. ;

A WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN WILLIAMS



PSYCHOLOGY

This student has regularly gone above and beyond in Psychology this year. They have endeavoured to continually develop their subject knowledge and further their ability to apply theory to real world scenarios. Their passion for the Social Sciences has allowed them to develop their critical thinking skills and this will be greatly beneficial to their future educational and career progress. They really have been a pleasure to teach!!

WELL DONE EMMA RATHMELL



SCIENCE

From the start of Year 7 this student's passion for science has shone through, like the shining star that they are! Their genuine interest in the world around them, and how things work, have led to many interesting class discussions based on things they have watched and read.

They have explored every opportunity to expand their knowledge further whilst at BBG. A good scientist is not the person with all the answers, but someone who has a thirst for knowledge and a drive to plan, test and find out and most importantly, someone who asks the right questions!

The Science department are confident that their hard work, resilience and enthusiasm will allow them to excel at science at A-Level and beyond, should they choose to explore this path further.

Some words of advice from Miss Shannon and the team - we want you to keep experiencing the joy of science. Stay empowered and never stop believing in yourself and your ability to shape the world with your questions. We can't wait to see how your future unfolds!

THE FIRST SCIENCE AWARD GOES TO ADAM CAMERON-HACKETT



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SCIENCE

This student is nominated for the Science award for consistently good behaviour and hard work.

They have made steady and excellent progress throughout GCSE and ever improving mock grades have showed that they have a very good understanding of science.

They have been a model student showing maturity and commitment to their work, and have improved their understanding through regular hard work in class and at home.

They have carried out practical work safely and carefully and have handled even the trickiest of topics with confidence.

THE SECOND AWARD GOES TO ESTELLE WILLIAMS



SOCIOLOGY

This student has been incredibly determined to develop their understanding in Sociology and is constantly look at ways in which they can improve. Their attitude towards their studies have never waived, even when results have not gone her way. She is a true example of resilience!



CONGRATULATIONS STELLA HRYNISZAK

SOCIOLOGY

This student showed incredible determination and passion throughout their Sociology course, never one to shy away from unpopular opinions or to play devil's advocate, leading to great debates.



WELL DONE JOSHUA STONE

SPORT SCIENCE

What a great attitude towards Sports Science this student has had this year. This student studied Sport Science in Year 10 and had a hard working attitude throughout the course. They worked well independently on their written assessments and achieved a great result in the exam module.



WHAT A GREAT OUTCOME, ALEX WALKER

SPORT SCIENCE

This student worked extremely hard, both at home and when they returned to school to make sure they kept up with their peers. A great example of a resilient student.

A mature attitude towards the challenging work saw them achieve an outcome to be proud of.



WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS ELLIS PEARSON

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TRAVEL AND TOURISM

This student has shown fantastic resilience throughout the Travel and Tourism course. They always wants to improve, working independently at home to ensure their work is the best it can be.

CONGRATULATIONS NIAMH HUTCHISON



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

And last, but by no means least, for Travel and Tourism, this student has shown resilience and determination throughout the Travel and Tourism course, both in and out of lessons.

They made sure that their work was up to date by attending numerous period 7s and 8s to get it done.

I AM PLEASED TO GIVE THIS AWARD TO ALFIE CHALMERS!



The Ellie Bramham Award

The Ellie Bramham Award is given annually to recognise a student who has contributed to BBG life in a simply outstanding way.

This award was set up in memory of Ellie Bramham, who was a bright, vivacious young lady who very sadly passed away in January of 2017, when she was in Year 9 at BBG. Ellie's bubbly character and enormous smile is remembered and treasured, and her character and spirit remain with us at BBG.

The Ellie Bramham award is awarded annually and is in recognition of contribution to school life and we were blessed this year to have last year's winner, Olivia Clark to award the prize.

This year's Ellie Bramham Award goes to Illia Boiko



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THE ELLIE BRAMHAM AWARD

This award is meant to honour one student who, like Ellie, contributes positively to the school. I am delighted to share with you this year's recipient.

When I think about being the new person in a school, even as a member of staff, this is never an easy task, yet the person who is the recipient of this year's Ellie Bramham Award arrived a little later to the year group and seemed to settle into the BBG family very quickly.

The thing that strikes you about this person is the huge, genuine smile; his positivity is clear to see. Despite the circumstances in which he arrived at BBG, he shook Mrs Luffman's hand and introduced himself with eye contact. He always asks people how they are, even staff (not totally unusual, but he really wants to know the answer – he is not just being polite). Mrs Luffman commented that this always makes her feel that he is a wonderful role model for all at BBG and that we have been blessed as we are a better school for having him here.



This student is everything we want our students at BBG to be. He has grasped every single opportunity on offer and made the most of every second; just recently he accepted some extra tuition which means that he has to stay later at school for the session. It would have been so easy for him to have turned it down as his schedule is already tightly packed, but he didn't.

In the classroom, he is a dream to teach. He works incredibly hard and has sought to understand very difficult ideas, never feeling discouraged (or not for long) and always works on things he doesn't understand at home. He asks questions, he seeks feedback, and genuinely listens to what he is told. He not only stays behind after his English lessons to ask for further explanations, he is also a regular at the unattractive P0 on a Friday morning and bookends it with a P7– he has a real thirst for knowledge and a stamina for learning that will help him to succeed in the future. He is very determined and if anyone deserves amazing grades, it is him. It is not just in English that he tries, he genuinely cares about his progress and efforts in all of his classes; he has spent a lot of his own time going above and beyond in all of his subjects.

His assessment grades keep on improving every week. He is the perfect example of resilience in the classroom. Once he admitted that he had not been a particularly good student before coming to BBG, perhaps even a little laid-back (according to him), but what he had been through and moving to the UK in the circumstances that he did, made him realise the power of education in opening doors for him. Not only is he revising for his UK GCSEs but he is also working on his Ukranian qualifications, so that he has options in the future.

Maths and Computer Science have become this student's passion, but when I asked him what he is most proud of, he said it was his developing understanding of English, which was already pretty good! He also treasures the friends he has made here, many of whom accompany him to the gym where he does weights (as cardio is not really his thing). He said that his view of the world has widened since he arrived in the UK as he thought that everyone lived in the way that he did in the Ukraine. I find he is curious about the world and not a little bit judgemental of others.

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Having asked around about this student, it seems three words keep being repeated – thoughtful, funny and polite. Mrs Brack remembered telling him about a little girl from the Ukraine who was struggling to adjust to life in the UK, this discussion happened in the Summer. After the Summer holiday, he came to ask how she was doing. He is very close to his family. I have observed him taking his Mum's shopping out of her hands and carrying it and offering to help teachers carry books; he is thoughtful beyond his years. His Mum volunteers and he often talks about his family and you can see the pride in his eyes. He is especially proud of his Mum as she is the one who brought him here and made a life for them. His host family, were exactly that when he arrived – family - and he often talked about how they had played football with him and helped him with homework. He talks about his Dad and his Brother often, who are in Ukraine. When going back to Ukraine, he spoke of his little niece and what sweets he would bring her, being careful to buy sweets that would not melt.

His wit is very dry and he often catches his teachers unawares and makes them genuinely chuckle. Mrs Sullivan shared the time he wrote his work on a cardboard divider as he didn't have paper, delivering this with a typical shrug and apology! Miss Simpson said that all students love him, I think this is because he laughs at himself, finding the humour in his own mistakes -

he is a joy to be round. Another anecdote from Miss Simpson was when the class were discussing who was going to watch the Coronation and she was explaining what the importance of it was, when this student put his hand up and in his typical fashion said 'I'm not British' - the whole class burst out laughing, as did he. He has a heart of gold. An absolute dream of a student to teach.

This student is one of the most polite students I have ever met, his teachers also shared how he says hello at the start of lessons and thank you at the end.

He is no longer a newcomer, but a fully-fledged BBG student who we know will achieve whatever he sets his mind to in the future. It gives me great pleasure to award the Ellie Bramham Award to Illia Boiko.





West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Do you know that anything below 15°C is defined as cold water and can seriously affect your breathing and movement, so the risk is significant most of the year.

If you get into difficulty in the water:



- **Take a minute.** The initial effects of cold water pass in the less than a minute so don't try and swim straight away
- **Relax and float** on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float
- **Keep calm** then call for help or swim to safety if you're able

If you see someone
in difficulty in the water
call 999 ask for FIRE

#BeWaterAware
westyorksfire.gov.uk

Artificial Intelligence

AI or Artificial Intelligence has been in the news recently. The term AI was first used in 1956, so it isn't a new phenomenon, but the increasingly complex design and programming of AI has developed since this date and now there are concerns that measures should be taken to protect humans from AI.

Artificial intelligence enables a computer to think in more of a 'human' way. It takes in information from its surroundings and decides how it responds to situations depending on what it learns or senses. AI affects the way we live, and is in most things we use daily, like phones, video games and going shopping. AI is used in personal electronic devices, like phones and televisions, Alexa and Siri are both examples of this. Healthcare also uses AI, not only to help with research, but to take care of patients too. Farmers can also use AI to monitor their crops.

AI also has negative influences too. Artificial intelligence can also be used to write essays for students, create new music and make artwork. Therefore, creativity is stifled, as more people rely on technology.

Many people are also concerned that AI could lead to the extinction of humanity. AI is becoming more advanced every day, which means soon it may be able to control humans.

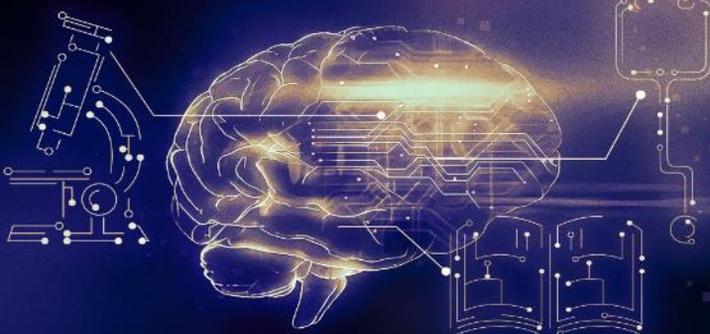
These are a few things scientists predict could possibly happen in the future if AI gets out of control:

- AI could be weaponised, which could result in millions of deaths
- AI generated misinformation could create problems around the world
- Enfeeblement- this is where humans become dependent on AI; this is similar to the film WALL-E
- It is also said that by 2050, at least 50% of jobs will be lost, due to AI and robots will be doing most of the work.

•In a world where social media already rules information that people consume, where it is difficult to know what is true or not, I feel that humanity needs to consider how AI is used. There are some amazing benefits of technology, but is the human touch still important in the increasingly complex world in which we live?



Reporter:
Cerys Barson



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



We have some fantastic dancers at BBG. Many of our students attend dance clubs out of school, all of which give them the most fantastic experiences. From our attendance at many shows over the years we can see how much love and commitment our students have for these clubs.

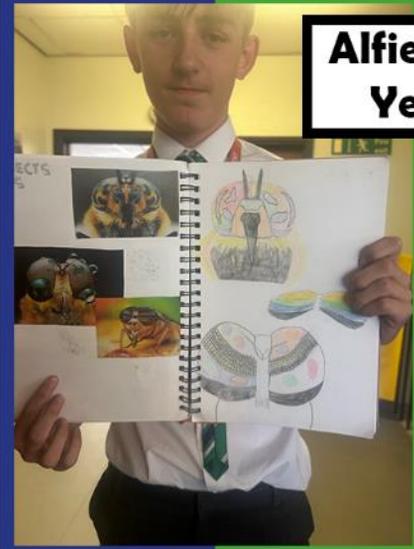
It is always wonderful to see hard work and commitment lead to success and Alexie and Olivia have certainly achieved a huge amount of success this year. It feels like barely a weekend goes past without the girls competing, we cannot imagine how much practice it takes.

We are delighted to share that Alexie secured the hat trick last weekend securing 1st place TDCI North Light Senior Song and Dance Championship. Olivia taking 3rd place was the icing on the cake... We think the girls will need a new shelf for this year's silverware!



Artists OF THE WEEK

**Alfie Bates
Year 9**



**Nathan Bromley
Year 9**



**Ollie Murphy
Year 8**

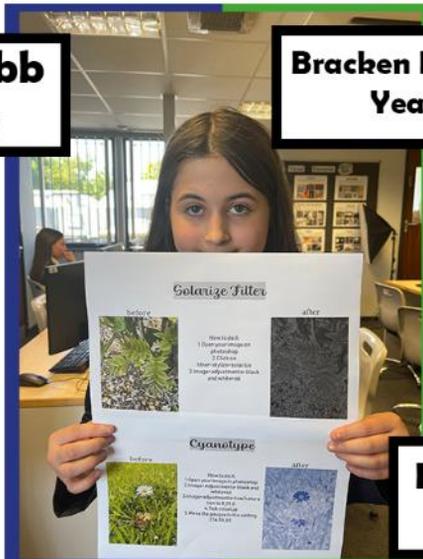


Photographers OF THE WEEK

**Harry Jubb
Year 8**



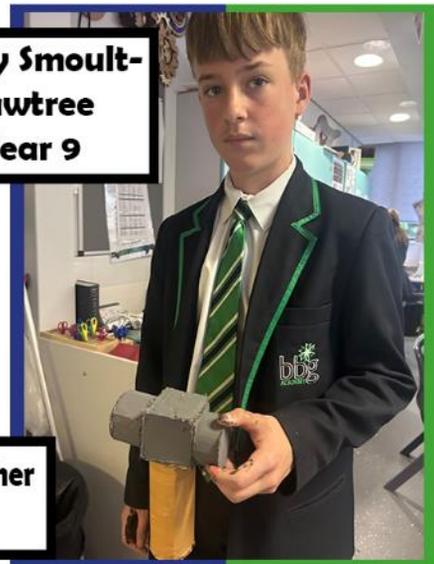
**Bracken Ratcliffe
Year 8**



**Ethan Harris
Year 8**



Designers OF THE WEEK



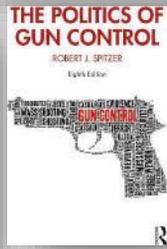
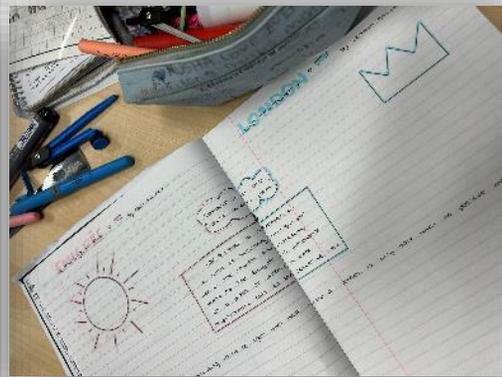
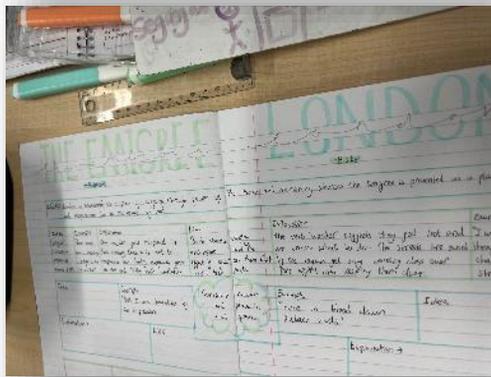
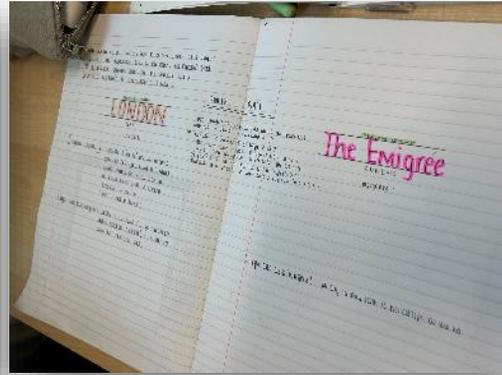
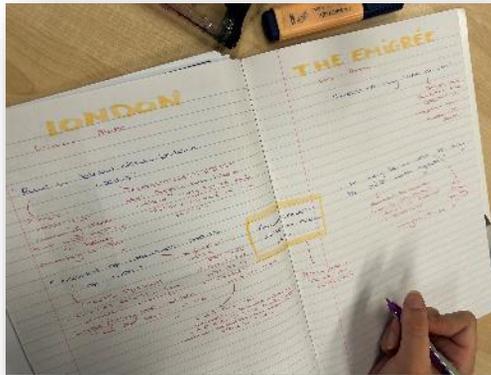
Star Bakers OF THE WEEK





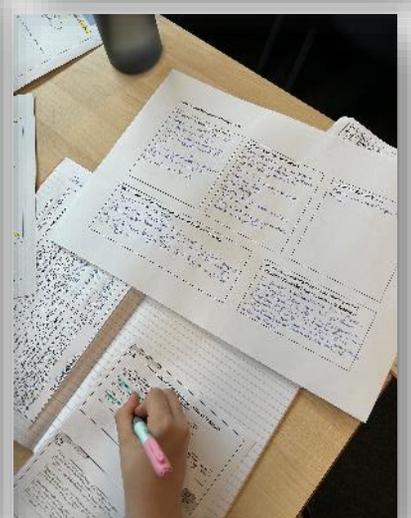
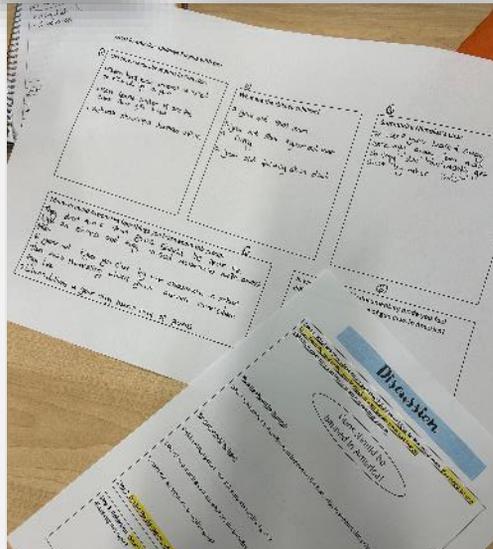
Year 10– Power and Conflict Poetry

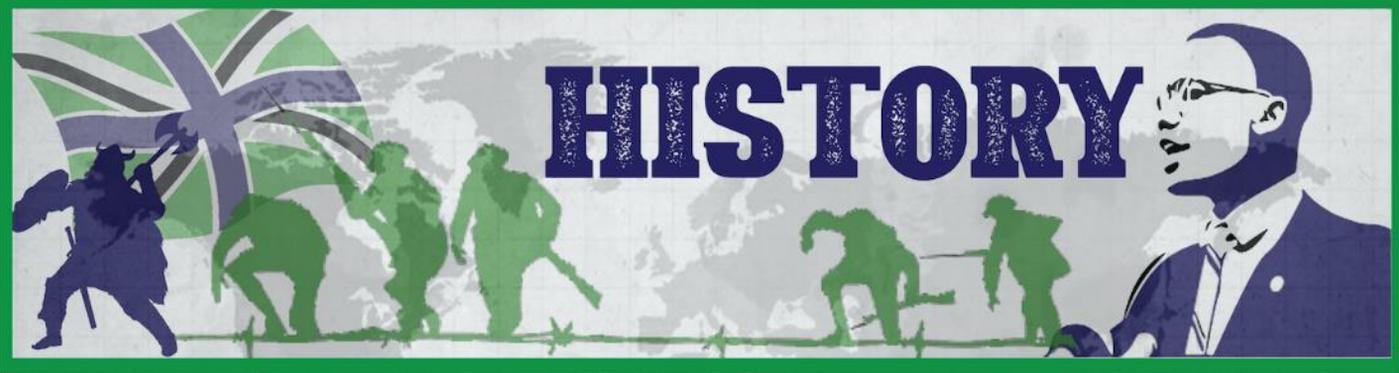
Students have excelled this half term engaging with GCSE poetry from the Power and Conflict anthology. Students were taught 5 of the 15 poems that explore the theme of *Humanity and Trauma*, before moving onto 5 more that explore *Humanity and Place*. Here, students were comparing the language in Carol Rumen’s poem: *The Emigree* and Seamus William Blake’s poem: *London*. Students will finish the term exploring the final 5 poems which explore *Humanity and Power*.



Year 8Q4 Gun Control

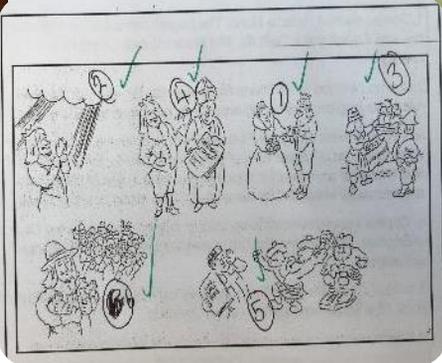
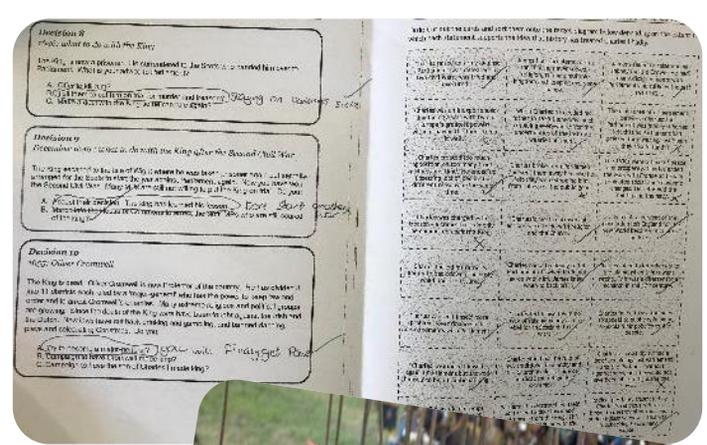
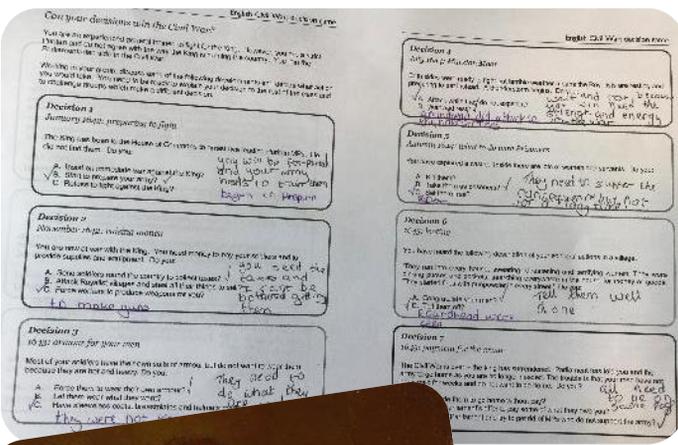
Students watched a documentary and read an article on Gun Control in America this week. Literacy lessons have developed students’ oracy skills, planning for discussions and debates on contextual links to the play *Blood Brothers*. Other lessons have included: the cost living crisis, Oxbridge and fee paying schools – the elite, Leeds City of Culture and strike action.





Year 7 History: Would you have been a better King than Charles I?

After our recent lessons, many Year 7 students believed that he would be hard not to! As their journey through British History continues, students have entered the Early Modern Period and considered the changing relationship between monarchy and parliament. Recent lessons have focused on the causes of the English Civil War and why parliamentarians emerged victorious. Impressively, some students further developed their interpretation skills, when questioning if history had treated Charles I fairly.



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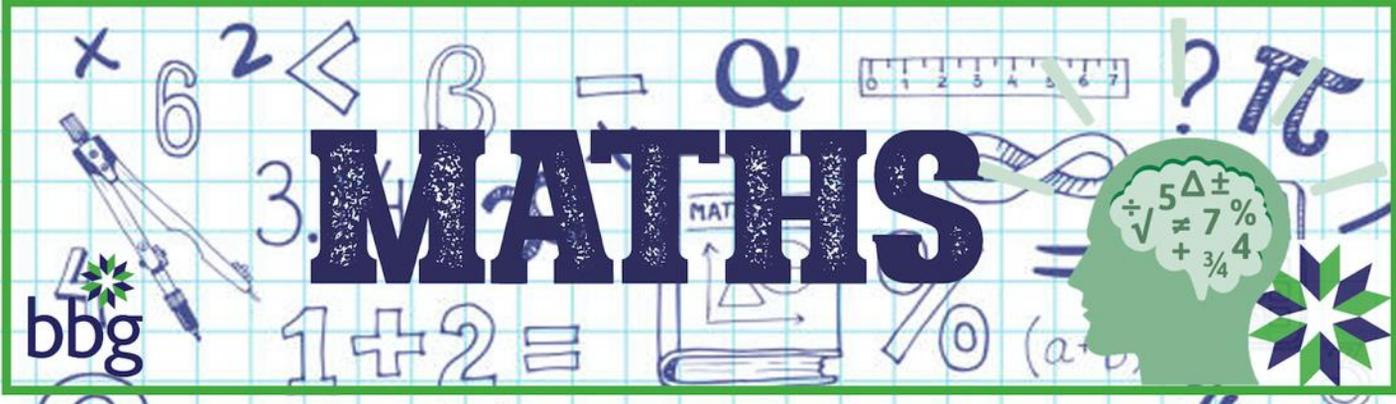
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Year 11 Revision Websites

There are so many resources available on the internet. Here are some of our favourites.

We use Edexcel exam board. If your teacher is Mrs Hammond, Mr McAulay, Mrs Norrrington or Mrs Brazier you will be taking the Higher paper. All other classes are taking the Foundation paper.

The first exam is finished!

Calculator all the way now.
Paper 2 7th June
Paper 3 14th June

Maths Genie

Mathsgenie

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

This website has many practice papers that you can download. Also it has a section that is graded so that you can find work and answers on specific topics.



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Corbettmaths

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This website has all sorts of resources and great videos.



The GCSE Maths Tutor

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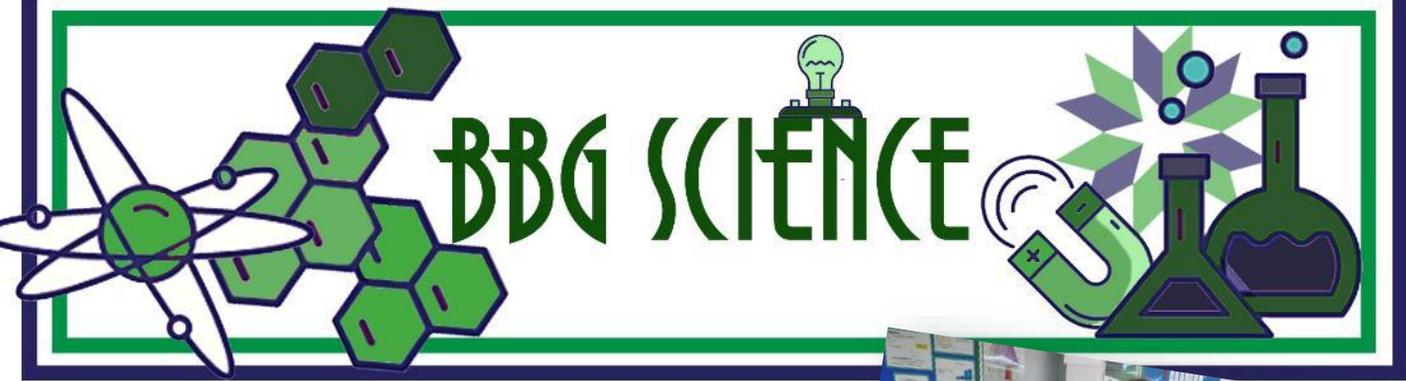
The GCSE Maths Tutor

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheGCSEMathsTutor/videos?app=desktop>

This a great YouTube channel that has many exam paper 'walk through' videos.



In addition, there are Sparx and Hegarty (whichever your teacher uses) which have many videos and practice questions.



BBG SCIENCE

Science club have been 'growing' their green-fingers these past few weeks in science club by sowing their very own vegetable garden!



The students selected an array of fruit, vegetables, and herbs. They carefully sowed their seeds and cared for their young seedlings.

With the perfectly timed warm weather we have had the seeds rapidly grew into seedlings, and they were ready to be transplanted in order to be taken home, ready to start producing flowers, fruits and veg in no time! Last week our delicate operation to extract our plants from the propagators began, with students taking care not to damage the roots and to get as little soil as possible all over the floor of F38!



Thankfully, the students of science club are always extra careful, and both the students and plants left happy with the room largely dirt free.



There were some prize worthy plants on show but in the lead so far is Aimée, whose huge runner beans stole the show last week! There's still plenty of time for our other plants to catch up though as we move towards summer and a few 'mystery seeds' are yet to emerge!

Feeling inspired? Seeds are cheap and easy to sow, not to mention growing your own is great for the environment!

BBG Year



STARS OF THE WEEK

Thank you to this year's Graduation helpers!!



GABY ROWAN

Thank
you
so
much!



HENRY BINGHAM



ARTHUR THOMPSON

CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU ALL!



DYLAN WILKINSON



MEGAN BATES



TARYN SYKES



CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO



Ethan Emmott

Ethan has consistently made progress in Year 8 and continues to do so towards the end of the year. His attitude to learning and effort in lessons is fantastic. Well done on a great year, keep up the good work.



Isabelle Goulding

Isabelle is a mature, polite and well-mannered young lady, who continues to make great progress around the academy. I have had some brilliant feedback from her lessons and she is a pleasure to have in Year 8. Well done Isabelle.



Harry Jubb

Harry is a kind, polite and well-mannered young man who is making great progress in lessons. Outside of lessons he has also helped a new student settle into BBG and made them feel comfortable in a new school. I would like to thank Harry for this and make sure that he is recognised for all his help. Well done, Harry.

YEAR 9



STARS OF THE WEEK



ADAM BOOCOOCK

Quietly awesome, incredibly focused and engaged during lessons.



EVIE HUSTLER

Always doing the right thing and making the right choices
Polite, attentive and a pleasure to have in form.
You should be proud. Well done!



HARRY GOULDING

Doing a great job running the business sweet stall with his business team



CONOR IRWIN

For doing consistently well in BBG bake off

MISS BLACKBURN'S STARS OF THE WEEK YEAR 10

Always working hard in school.

JASON CATTON



Always having a positive attitude, in lessons and around school.

EMILY COLLING



LEO HOLMES

CONSISTENTLY WORKING HARD AND GETTING THINGS RIGHT IN EVERY LESSON

Always doing the right thing.

OLIVIA DUNNE



Fantastic effort in French

EMILY HAINSWORTH



Working hard in all lessons.

STEVIE FISHER



Brilliant effort levels in PE

MAJA KACPRZAK



Working hard in computer science.

HARRY ELLIS



WELL!
Done!

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STARS OF THE WEEK

QABID ALADE, GEORGINA BLADWIN AND LEAH BLAKELEY



Qabid is kind, supportive, mature and determined to success. 100% attendance this year. Absolute legend!

Georgina is compassionate, focussed, takes pride in everything she does, self-motivated and organised. Georgina is a superstar!



Leah is caring, committed to her studies and striving for success. She is mature and proactive. I am really proud of the student you have become. Shining bright!



C+K



An invitation to our
Get Inspired Events 2023

Thursday 5 October

The John Smith's Stadium Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG

Wednesday 11 October

Dewsbury Town Hall Wakefield Old Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8DG

4.30 -

7.30pm

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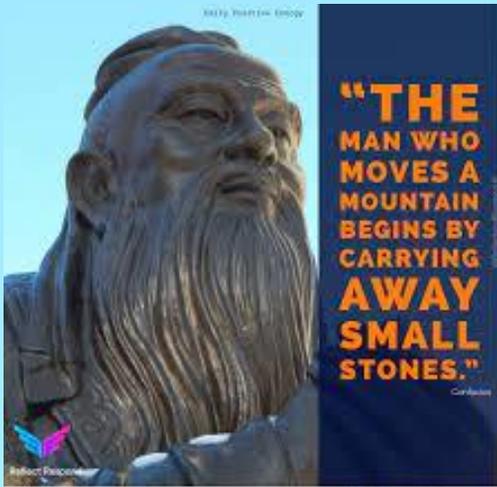


**APPRENTICESHIP
PROVIDER
OF THE YEAR**



THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Beginning 15 May 2023



Discussion points

This week is Mental Health Week. The focus for it is anxiety.

As some of you enter exams or as you prepare to move into the next year at school it is likely you will experience some level of anxiety.

A small amount of anxiety is perfectly normal and to be expected if our normal way of life is being altered. However do we know how to spot when it stops becoming normal? When it takes over a person's life?

Watch this [video](#) to see how stress and anxiety affect people.

Anxiety can affect anyone at any stage of their life; adults struggling through the cost of living crisis; young people about to leave primary school. What is important is that friends and peers know how to help each other navigate through this. Use the Mind [website](#) to investigate ways in which you can help someone suffering from anxiety.

Look back at this week's quote. How is it relevant?

**REASSURANCE MEANS
MORE THAN SAYING
"YOU'LL BE OKAY"**

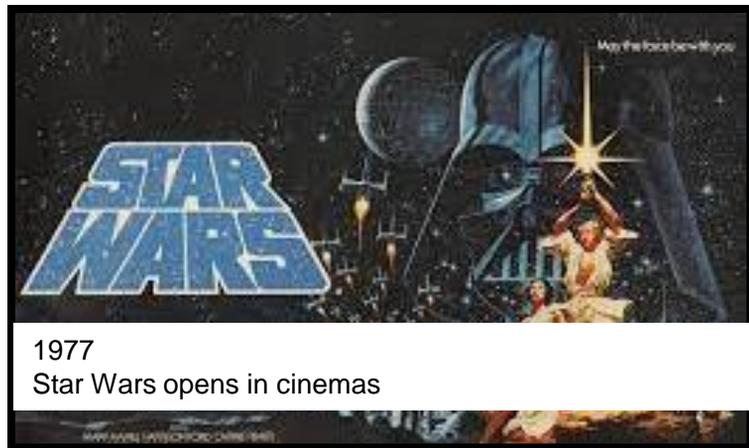
FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

Mental Health Week
Food Allergy Week
Water Saving Week
Foster Care Fortnight
Dementia Action Week

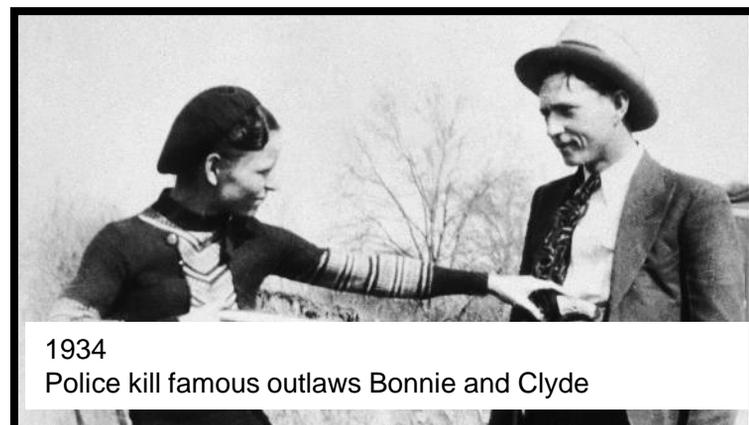
EVENTS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

National Walking Month
Local and Community History Month
Maternal Mental Health Month
National Pet Month
National Share a Story Month

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



1977
Star Wars opens in cinemas



1934
Police kill famous outlaws Bonnie and Clyde

TWEETS of the WEEK

BBG Academy @BBGAcademy · 12h

The Y9 Community Champions have been a great help today getting ready for tomorrow's graduation. Excited!!!



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BBG Academy @BBGAcademy · 16h

We spy our #TeamBBG mini bus 🌞💚💙

The Rodillian Multi Academy Trust @RodillianMAT · 16h

Three years later and we're finally back in France, setting up for this summer's #ResilienceCamp for Year 7 students across all our Academies 🇫🇷🇮🇹

Thank you Mrs Grant @Rodillian_Ac for the photos... we can't wait for more when our first cohort of students arrive this weekend!



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BBG Academy @BBGAcademy · 14h

Layered cake week today. All the judges are afraid to sit down after eating too much!



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Kevin Paver @Kevinpaver · May 31

Well done to these three playing in the @BDUGC1931 Junior Open today for Cleckheaton GC and also representing @BBGAcademy - a tough day by all accounts in some very difficult conditions. 🇬🇧



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BBG Academy @BBGAcademy · 22h

Replying to @BBGAcademy



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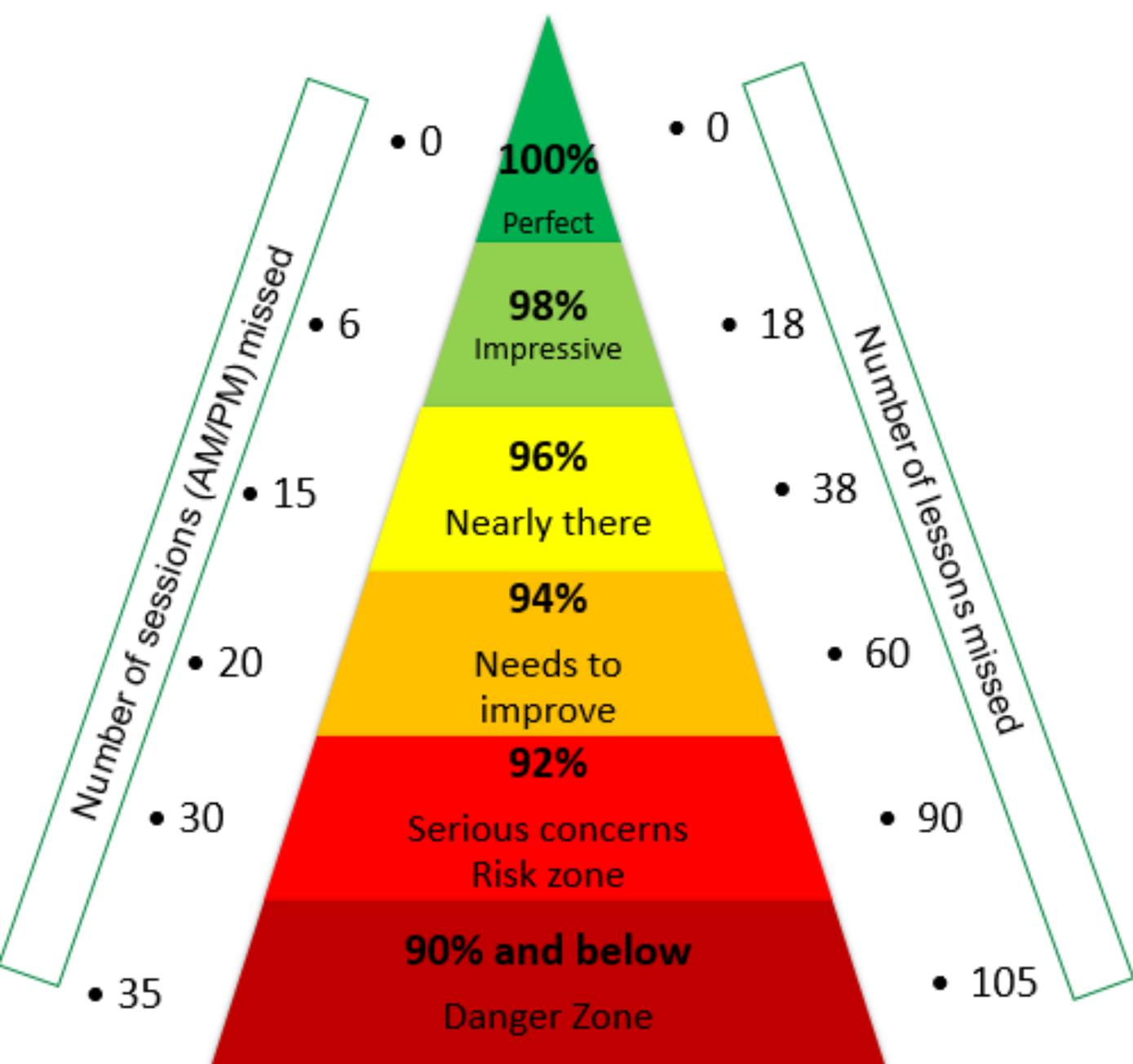
BBG ENGLISH @bbgenglish · May 31

Year 10 Humanity and Place in the poems London and The Emancipation



Attendance Matters



Maximise your potential – attend everyday

Students across the Rodillian Multi Academy Trust at this level of attendance have historically achieved

Significantly above national average progress
Above national average progress
National average progress
Below national average progress
Significantly below national average progress
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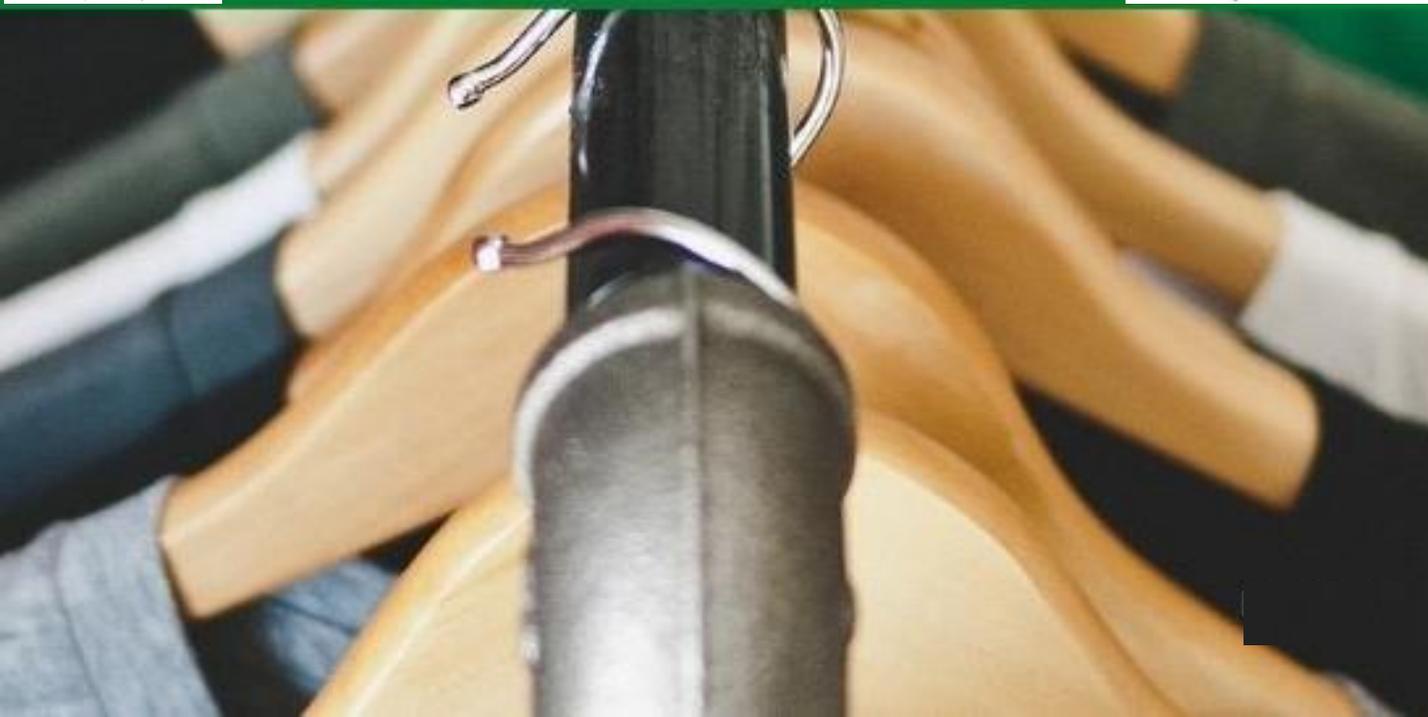
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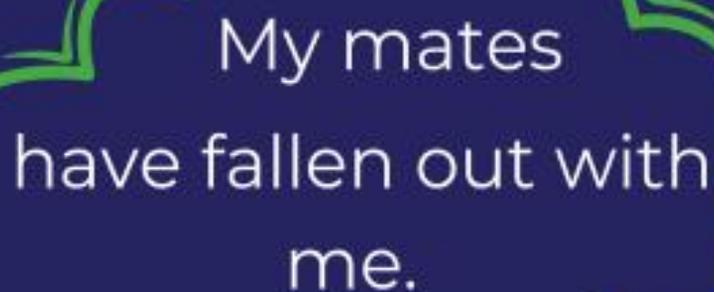
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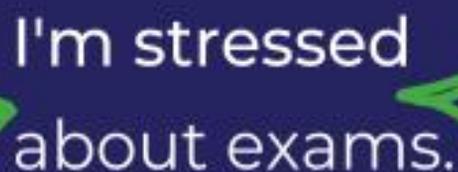
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10 Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe From Cyber Crime

Published: 16th February 2021

This week's free online safety guide focuses on 10 top tips for keeping children safe from cyber crime. We all want to ensure being informed and inspired by the ever-changing capabilities of the internet. This guide takes a look at a range of top tips such as backing up your data, how to spot phishing text and how to recognise warning signs.

[VIEW THE GUIDE](#)

[VIEW ALL TRAINING](#)

7 Top Tips for Supporting Children to Express Themselves Safely Online

Published: 3rd February 2021

This week's free online safety guide focuses on supporting children to express themselves safely online. The past year has left many children feeling uncertain and unsure, so this year's Children's Mental Health Week has adopted the theme of 'express yourself'. The guide takes a look at a range of top tips on cultivating their identity, supporting their interests and enabling emotional expression.

[VIEW THE GUIDE](#)

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What Parents Need to Know About WeChat

Published: 27th January 2021

This week's free online safety guide focuses on WeChat. WeChat is an all-in-one communications app for text, messaging, voice and video calls, photo sharing and games. The guide takes a look at how to enable a range of parental risks such as adult content, strangers and drug dealing.

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WELCOME

HOW TO IMPROVE THE SLEEP OF YOUR STUDENTS

In Autumn last year, we launched our new Teen Sleep Hub, as part of our Teen Sleep Matters campaign, and it has been an amazing success so far with so many of you getting involved in sharing the information we supplied. We have also had lots of support from the Mental Health Foundation and Royal Society for Public Health.

Covid-19 continues to impact on the health and wellbeing of young people, in particular around their sleep and mental health. Even with the return to school, we are still living in uncertain times and young people are still suffering with isolation, learning at home with bubble closures, out-of-school activities suspended and routines being altered dramatically, it has been, and remains, extremely challenging.

Since we last made contact we have been working hard to continue to push this campaign and we have now launched a Live Chat service on our **Teen Sleep Hub**. This facility is available on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6-8pm so young people can chat about any issues they are having with their sleep with one of our trained sleep practitioners. Please do direct your students to this and even inform parents of this service.

In this second pack you will find

- A selection of NEW posters promoting the Live Chat that can be emailed out to students and parents and, when normally resumes, can be printed and put up in classrooms, toilet facilities and other communal areas
- Social media graphics that you can use on your social channels and website to direct students and parents to the Teen Sleep Hub

As a reminder, the Teen Sleep Hub is a hive of information around sleep aimed at teens (not their parents) and includes a downloadable eBook and a series of top tips videos. We were supported on this project by our amazing Youth Advisory Panel, made up of young people aged between 13 and 19, across the country. It has been a great success so far with over **17,000 downloads of the eBook**, proving that young people want the knowledge to help them improve their sleep.

Thank you for your support. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to know more.

Lisa Artis

Lisa Artis
Deputy CEO
The Sleep Charity



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



Edith Fawthrop

Edith has recently made some outstanding progress at climbing. She has grown in confidence and ability when moving to the high ropes. Great work Edith.



Riley Valentine

Riley has continued to make progress at climbing, he has improved his technique and I can see his confidence growing weekly. Well done Riley.



Jake Crane

Good leadership in pre-option PE



Muniba Mahmood

Always trying her best and being positive in PE



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



Romeo Dixon

Working well with others in PE this week



Jensen Arnold

Excellent teamwork and effort in PE this week



Jessie Brown

Great effort in rounders .



Kaydence Carroll

Great batting skills in rounders

**EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE
SPRING TERM 2023**

MONDAY

Times	Club/Activity	Year Group	Teacher	Venue
2.30-3.30	Netball	Years 7-11	All PE colleagues	Changing room meet
2.30-3.30	Basketball	Years 7 - 8		
2.30-3.30	KS3 Performing Arts	Years 7 - 9	Miss Roumelioti	Drama Room G29
2.30 - 3.30	Art Club (Drawing)	Years 7 - 9	Mr Laycock	F6
2.30 - 3.30	Design Club	Years 7-19	Mrs Gill	Workshop
2.30 - 3.30	Chess Club	Years 7 - 8	Mrs. Luffman	Heart Space
2.30-3.30	Homework club	Years 7 - 11	Mrs. Morland	F13
2.30 - 4.30	Year 10 Study Group	Year 10	Mrs Sullivan	F9
2.30 - 3.30	Books into Film	Years 7-11	Mrs Fitzsimons	F55 (starts 19.09.22)
2.30-3.30	Library	Years 7-11	Mr Smith	LRC
2.30-3.30	Prep	Years 11	Rotation	F15

TUESDAY

2.30-3.30	Homework club	Years 7 - 11	Mrs. Morland	F13
2.30-3.30	Baking club *	Year 7	Mrs. Denwood (Catering Manager)	Booked students only
2.30 - 3.30	Library	Years 7 - 11	Mr Smith	LRC
2.30-3.30	Prep	Year 11	Rotation	F15

WEDNESDAY

2.30-3.30	Rugby	Year 8		
2.30-3.30	Table Tennis	Years 7 - 11		
2.30-3.30	Cricket	Years 7-10		
2.30-3.30	Homework club	Years 7 - 11	Mrs. Morland	F13
2.30 - 3.30	Maths Puzzles	Years 7 - 8	Miss Headley	G14
2.30 - 3.30	Creative Writing	Years 7-10	Mr Young/Mr Alam	G45
2.30 - 3.30	Film Club (Hist/Geog)	Years 7-9	Mr Moulds/Mr Myerson	F16
2.30-3.30	E-Sports	Year 10 (Invite Only)	Mr. Suggitt	F13
2.30 - 3.30	Library	Years 7-11	Mr Smith	LRC
2.30-3.30	Prep	Year 11	Rotation	F15

THURSDAY

2.30-3.30	Girls Rugby	Years 7 - 11	All PE colleagues	Changing room meet
2.30-3.30	Rugby	Years 7		
2.30-3.30	Basketball	Years 9 - 11		
2.30-3.30	BBG Press	Years 7-9	Mr. Smith	LRC
2.30 - 3.30	Library	Years 7-11	Mr Smith	LRC
2.30 - 3.30	'Step Up to Post 16' theoretical approaches to Literature.	Year 11	Mrs Voyce	G46
2.30-3.30	Science Club *	Years 7 - 8	Science Colleagues	F34
2.30 - 3.30	Art Club (3D)	Years 7-9	Mr Laycock	Workshop
2.30-3.30	Homework club	Years 7 - 11	Mrs. Morland	F13
2.30 - 3.30	Fashion and Textiles	Years 7-9	Miss Dixon	G7
2.30-3.30	Prep	Year 11	Rotation	F15

FRIDAY

2.30-3.30	Rounders	Year 7-9	PE colleagues	Changing room meet
2.30-3.30	Athletics	Years 7- 11		
2.30-3.30	Choir	Years 7 - 11	Miss Sanderson	Drama Room G29
2.30-3.30	Board Games	Years 7-9	Mrs Shahid	G19
2.30-3.30	Homework club	Years 7 - 11	Mrs. Morland	F13
2.30-3.30	Library	Years 7-11	Mrs Luffman	LRC
2.30-3.30	Prep	Year 11	Rotation	F15