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# BDAT BE THERE 2019

"Every performance was amazing!!!" - Year 7 student

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# Message from the Head of School

It seems such a long time since Christmas, but this BBEC Buzz tells the story from the end of December to the end of February and what a time it's been. It never ceases to amaze me how talented, ambitious and caring the students at BBEC are.

BDAT Be There was a stunning event from start to finish. BBEC students showcased their skills in dance and singing, and Jacob and Rebecca did a brilliant job of introducing all the acts with such confidence, humour and clarity. It was lovely to see the students from all the schools working together and new friendships were formed. Well done to all the students and the staff who worked together to make it such a brilliant evening.

Other subjects have had special events too: our Year 11 history students investigated Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, all Year 11 watched an innovative performance of Macbeth, 190 students took part in the prestigious UK maths challenge and our BBEC sports teams continue to show what talented students we really have. A special mention to Lewis and Elliot who have been selected to represent the Rugby National Performance Squad. What a fantastic achievement!

Two notable charity events raised money to help fight homelessness. We are particularly proud of Joe, Sam, Ben, Rhys and Jack who really went above and beyond to raise £155 for Bradford Nightstop.

We continue to reward students who have good or improving attendance with small sweet treats, film afternoons, free drinks from the canteen and other well-done gifts. Most popular, at the moment, are our skipping the queue at lunchtime passes. Our tombolas include the top prize of a Nando's voucher for four (see the lucky winners inside).

We have started to serve free breakfasts, either cereal or bagels, every morning. The prefects have taken responsibility for their delivery around the atrium. We feed 400 children this way every morning, so thanks to the Magic Breakfast charity and to our caterers P&A for donating milk.

And finally, we recognise that school is not an end in itself. We need to prepare our students for the world of work and so all year groups have experienced a careers event to help inspire them to think about the possibilities for their own futures. We have had some inspirational speakers in school, a visit from the RAF and a meet up with Tom Daley (yes, that Tom Daley!)

All this and lessons too! As the weather improves and the daffodils open I look forward to the rest of the spring term and seeing what we can all achieve together.

Ruth Hartley  
Head of School

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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# BDAT BE THERE



30 January saw the third annual BDAT Be There performance. 'BDAT Be There' is a collaboration between the four secondary BDAT academies: BBEC, Belle Vue Girls, Bradford Forster and Immanuel College.

Students from across the schools put on an amazing performance in the Great Hall at the University of Bradford. Year 7 students were able to go and watch during the afternoon and there was an evening performance for parents, staff and students from other year groups.

The show included a variety of brilliant performances including live bands, dancing, pantomimes and ensembles. Our choir were particularly impressive – thank you to Miss Stacey for all your hard work.

Well done to all the students and staff involved!





# LIVERPOOL



# TRIP



Year 11 GCSE Fine Art and Photography students visited Crosby Beach and Liverpool on Friday 1 February as part of their externally set exam.

Students were able to choose from seven starting point questions and the trip was planned and organised to reflect the majority of the starting points.

After lunch we travelled to Liverpool One to explore a bustling and lively city. Photography students were able to capture the city's diverse architecture and colour filled city scape. A few students also had a chance to visit the Tate Liverpool.

Students were well behaved and appreciated the opportunity to gather resources for their exam preparation.



# Fieldwork in Bradford City Centre



The final part of the Year 11 geography GCSE fieldwork was completed within a very familiar setting this term: Bradford city centre. On three separate afternoons BBEC's geographers met at City Park to better understand our city's changing shopping dynamic.

It is very important for geographers that we seek further understanding of the things we think we know by collecting data. Our 'Human Fieldwork' task was to identify changes within the city's shopping patterns. Students investigated the changing pattern of shopping within the city - the shopping experience for most Bradfordians gravitates around the Kirkgate and Broadway shopping centres.

Our students collated data to identify spatial patterns to allow us to better understand the shopping environment and habits of Bradfordians. Our students investigated the footfall around the centre of Bradford, identified retail and service hierarchy within the shopping centres and completed an environmental survey for each as well.

With surveys complete, the task is now is to present our data, evaluate and conclude; all excellent preparation for Paper 3 in June.







We recently received the fantastic news that BBEC is now officially a Reading Champion school!

Renaissance Learning, the company responsible for the Accelerated Reader reading scheme that we use in year 7, has recognised that we are one of their top rated schools in terms of the number of children receiving 85%+ on their reading quizzes within their specific reading range. In addition it recognises that our students complete at least four quizzes on average (many of our students complete far more than this within the year!).

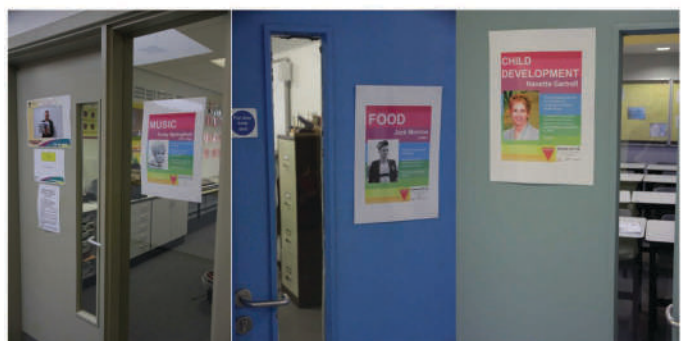
We assess all our Year 7 students' reading ages when they join the school and they can then choose books from the school library that are suitable for their reading level. The Accelerated Reader reading scheme has a quiz designed for each of our library books that tests the students' understanding of the book and also counts the number of words they have read. Since we started using the scheme eight years ago we have seen a marked improvement in students' progress in reading.

We will soon be sent a certificate to display in school. We are very proud of the hard work of our students as well as the commitment of our library teachers and staff who have made reading such a big part of our school's culture.

A big pat on the back for our wonderful readers!



BBEC is proud to support LGBT History Month and posters have been displayed on classroom and office doors throughout the school with subject specific famous people.





# FREE BREAKFAST BAGELS

and a selection of cereals!

Magic Breakfast is a charity with the aim of ensuring that no child is too hungry to learn through the provision of healthy breakfast food and expert support to schools. A hungry child cannot concentrate so will miss out on half a day of lessons, every day if not given anything to eat.

With the support of the charity, we are able to supply breakfast bagels to children who need them. Before the half term break we were providing 300 bagels a week and expect that to rise to 400.

Our prefects help run breakfast club in LDC and deliver bagels around the atrium in the morning between 8.10am and 8.30am.

Available to everyone!  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

# Nando's

## Winners



As we know that good attendance is vital, we are continuing our rewards programme for students who are attending regularly. Each half term students start their 100% challenge and any students who retain 100% are rewarded weekly.

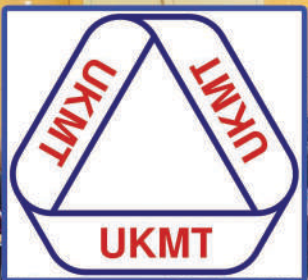
In the last term we have had students win a variety of tombola prizes from a sweet treat to a trip for four to Nandos! Students have also been rewarded with early to break and early to lunch passes. At the end of last half term students watched 'The Greatest Showman' as a reward!





76 of our Year 11 history students spent the day in the school hall developing their historical skills linked to AQA's 2019 Historic Site. This year's focus is The Globe Theatre and our students engaged in exploring a 360 degree tour of the Globe as it stands today and compared it to the original structure built in 1599.

This is worth 50% of the Elizabethan England paper. The day was a huge success and our students are now well prepared to tackle this component in June's examinations.



On Thursday 7 February, 190 of our top set students from years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UKMT intermediate challenge.

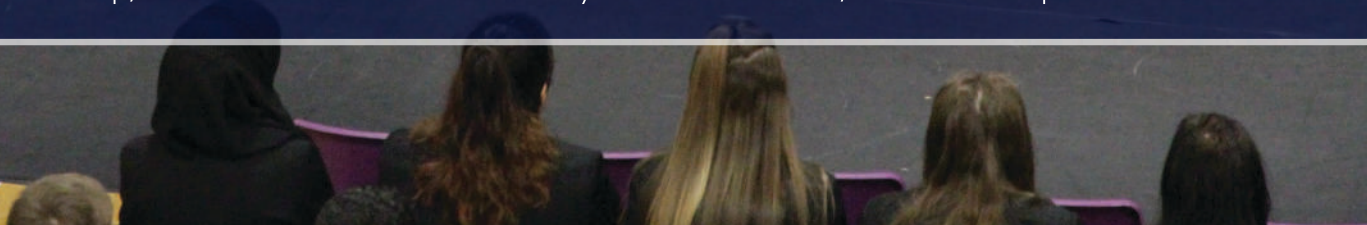
The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school students. The charity was established in 1996 and last academic year over 650,000 students from 4,500 schools took part in the three individual challenges, the UK's biggest national maths competitions. Each challenge leads into a follow-on Olympiad round and the charity also runs mentoring schemes and summer schools for high performing students as well as training the team of six to represent the UK in the International Mathematical Olympiad.





# Macbeth

On Monday 4th March we were entertained by the wonderful MANACTO theatre company, who came in to perform Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' for all Year 11. With only three actors, they were able to convey Macbeth's journey from 'hero' to 'zero' in a very powerful way. As well as being entertaining (there were some pretty horrific moments) it was also really beneficial as 'Macbeth' makes up 20% of our overall literature grade so seeing it performed was great. At the end, the actors answered some of our questions and went through why they played the characters the way they did. This was even more helpful as we were able to think about the characters and themes in a different way - something we will be able to use in our exams! Next up, it's 'Blood Brothers' at The Lowry theatre in Salford, on the 10th April - can't wait!



## Easter Egg Appeal



Our facilities company, Amey, are collecting Easter eggs for disadvantaged children and families in the local community. If you are able to, please help them to put a smile on lots of faces this Easter.

Chocolate Easter eggs of any kind will be gratefully received. Cash donations are also welcomed and will be put towards the purchase of Easter eggs.

Contributions can be dropped in at reception between 18 March and 29 March 2019.



# CD SOLD FOR HOMELESS CHARITY



A generous donation of £155.00 was given to the Bradford Nightstop charity by a group of students from BBEC: Joe and Sam, Ben and their younger brothers, Rhys and Jack. The boys came up with an imaginative fundraising idea to create their first CD. Soon after, 'Christmas Hits' was produced at SORM Studios, Bradford's friendliest recording studio. After creating the CD, they were duplicated and sold at the school pantomime. All funds went to Bradford Nightstop.

A loyal volunteer for Nightstop, Mollie Somerville, said, 'These young people are talented, entrepreneurial and generous. The school must be proud to have them as students. A huge Thank you from all at Bradford Nightstop and the young people who stay with us.'

Bradford Nightstop is a charity that helps homeless young people aged between 16 and 25 have a roof over their heads.

Volunteers give them a bed for a night in their own homes and make sure there is somewhere for them to go the next day. Bradford Nightstop also has a team of people who visit schools to raise awareness about homelessness and how to prevent it.





# Crisis

at Christmas



On December 18 staff and students at BBEC wore their festive jumpers and made donations towards the national charity 'Crisis At Christmas' who work directly with thousands of homeless people every year. They provide vital help so that people can rebuild their lives and are supported out of homelessness for good. A place at Crisis this Christmas costs just £28.18 - but it can help someone leave homelessness behind for good.



# Careers Update (CEIAG)



Career Ready is a one year national school programme which complements curriculum learning at post-16. Our specialism is Personal Finance.

Eight Year 12 students are given a business mentor. The business volunteers are from Anchor Housing, Leidos, Leeds Building Society, Santander, Lloyds Banking Group, IBM and Barclays Bank. The students met their mentors in a 'speed-dating' scenario. As an ice breaker, they completed a balloon challenge. The students had to purchase the balloons and sticky tape to create the highest free standing structure on a fixed budget with obstacles such as the larger balloons costing more than the smaller balloons!!

Thank you to our business mentors for an entertaining visit.

## Careers Week

### Year 7

The Department of Work and Pensions visited to explain career/training pathways students can consider after school.

### Year 8 and 9

Learned about the labour market in our region (LMI), based upon data obtained from Leeds City Region Futuregoals programme.

Students were given some useful facts and figures about the local economy, information about some of the creative and digital media unicorn companies like Rockstar games as well as some manufacturing and STEM companies, all based within our region. Skill sets, subjects and access routes were also discussed.

### Year 10

Digital Advantage delivered an insight into the creative and digital sectors within our region. They also outlined the five day, business led work experience project that they will be delivering in school in work experience week. Students can now sign up for this project if they still require a placement and have a genuine interest in this fast paced industry.

The number signed up for work experience this year is 200 (doubled compared to last year)

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for  
**LIFE**





The RAF and Royal Navy visited BBEC on Monday 21 January to deliver two 50 minute STEM workshops to all Yr7 and Yr8 students.

The roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that we have a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country.

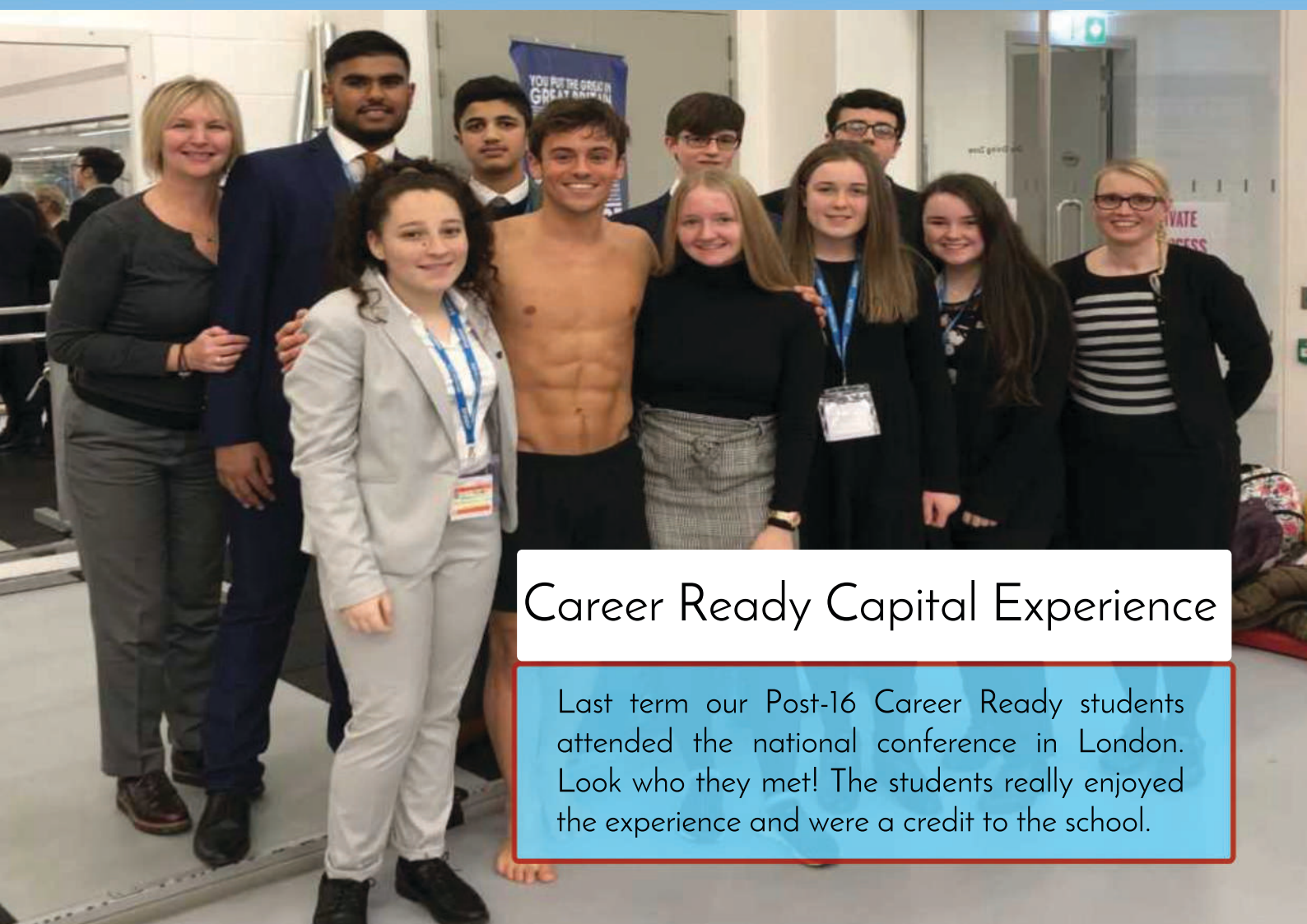
The workshops were interactive and included a variety of activities.





Representatives of Price Waterhouse Cooper visited school to discuss career options within their sector and the variety of roles available. They delivered an assembly to Year 11 in which they explained the function of the new competency centre in Bradford and the roles available there. Students who may not obtain English and mathematics qualifications can now apply for an 18 month work placement at the competency centre. They will further develop their skills and gain an invaluable insight into the world of work which can then be added onto their CVs.

Former BBEC student Sultan is on a year's placement with PwC and was on the Career Ready Programme



## Career Ready Capital Experience

Last term our Post-16 Career Ready students attended the national conference in London. Look who they met! The students really enjoyed the experience and were a credit to the school.



# Bradford Schools' CROSS COUNTRY



Wednesday 16 January 16 saw BBEC students take part in the Bradford Schools' Cross Country championships at Northcliffe Fields, Shipley.

The students (Mahmuda and Emelia) had prepared well for the event, religiously attending weekly training sessions. All the hard work paid off - the grit, determination and resilience demonstrated by the students resulted in some excellent performances.



Huge congratulations to the U14 girls football team who beat Immanuel College 2-0 in the semi-finals. They went on to play St Joseph's and won 2-1 in the final to take the U15 league title for the fourth time in five years.





Indoor



Students from Year 8 competed in the indoor athletics event at Tong High School. The students' effort and attitude was exemplary all afternoon with some outstanding individual performances.

**Girls' team:** Chekeera, Ella, Jess and Hollie

**Boys' team:** Jacob, De'Shawn, Brandon, Alfie, Daniel and Josh.



The girls' basketball team qualified in style for the Bradford Winter Games. In four games, they accrued 42 points and conceded just 2.

They finished the three week tournament having played 12 won 12. Bring on the finals! Sadyha received the tournament MVP award.

**Team:** Sadyha (MVP), Georgia(c), Taibah, Alice, Erin, Chekeera (not pictured), Hollie (not pictured)



# Basketball Festival

On Tuesday 12 February we hosted our second primary school sport festival. The focus of the festival was to develop interschool partnerships through basketball. Over five local primary schools attended and were led through the afternoon by our very competent sports academy students.

All five individuals including; De'Shaun, Ewan, Brandon, Aminah and Taibah received personal praise from the organiser of the tournament, Chazz Mann. He personally requested that they be part of the next tournament as their confidence and level of expertise were fantastic.

All the primary schools enjoyed the experience and are now looking forward to the next festival in the summer term.



## RUGBY NEWS

Congratulations to Lewis and Elliot who have been selected for the National Performance squad by England youth head coach Danny Wilson for the 2019 season. The selection includes representatives from 13 clubs across the Betfred Super League, Championship and League 1.





Our next school production will be

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