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# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



On Friday 10th of December, hundreds of staff and students took part in a very worthwhile cause and donned their colourful and festive Christmas jumpers in exchange for a silver coin.

'Christmas Jumper Day' is an annual event that helps raise money for 'Save The Children'.

This very important charity helps and supports children all over the world. To find more about the charity please visit [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)





# OPEN EVENING

BBEC was extremely pleased to welcome so many prospective students and their families to our school. All of our visitors enjoyed the outstanding and entertaining range of activities from different subjects and our enrichment programme, ranging from the dissections in science, exotic food in modern foreign languages, the LEGO challenges from STEM and many mathematical and literary quizzes.

We also greatly appreciated the contribution from our current students, many of whom were from our new Year 7 intake and who took on the roles of tour guides and invaluable fountains of knowledge!



# Student Parliament

# Polling Station



In September our students exercised their democratic right by heading to the voting booths to elect 75 members of Student Parliament.

Students put their names forward to appear on the ballot paper and had the opportunity to explain to their form group why they should vote for them.

All students in school then had the opportunity to vote for someone in their year group to represent them.





# Student Parliament

Once elected, students were inaugurated in the council chamber at Bradford City Hall; the home of democracy in Bradford. We had special guests including Jason Kenneally (Director of Secondary Education at BDAT) and the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Martin Love.



# Community Department



Meet the Community Department! This department has split into two groups; one group will be a set of journalists seeking out news stories which will feature in an entirely student created and edited termly magazine. The other group will focus on creating events for our community, supporting with events such as the Christmas Festival, Christmas community dinner and many more.

# Diversity Department



Meet the Diversity Department! This year they will be continuing with the goal of attaining the Bronze and Silver Diversity Mark. They have started by working with Grange Co-op Academy and focussing on improving community links and dispelling myths and negative aspersions about our schools.



# Health and Wellbeing department

Meet the Health and Wellbeing Department! This year the department has split off into two groups, one focussing on mental health and the other on physical health. The physical health team are looking to plan, advertise and lead sports clubs targeting our less sporty students. The mental health team are creating a film and book club which will offer students a friendly and supportive environment to meet and discuss stories and films they love.







Earlier this half term, Jennifer in Year 9 took part in remembrance parades and flew in a fighter plane as part of her work with Air Cadets. Here, in her words, is her story about her amazing experiences.

Well done Jennifer!

“Air Cadets as a whole is really interesting. You start as a recruit, wearing an unflattering green overall, there is a lot of work before you do a test to become a first-class cadet. As a first-class cadet you can go flying and shooting as I have done. There is a small start up fee which pays for your first squadron dinner night and hire of uniform, you then pay a reasonable monthly amount. You have Parade twice a week where you have squadron activities, First Aid, archery and a lot of cleaning! If you put in the time and effort you can work your way up to a corporal, then a sergeant. These positions are hard to get but easy to lose.

As a first-class cadet, you can fly and travel with people from the squadron to meet up with others from other squadrons. You will then have a briefing and learn how to escape the plane if an emergency occurs. You get kitted out then actually in the plane. You can go above 3000 feet and over the Yorkshire Dales, do barrel rolls and flips in the air. As you fly in a tutor plane, you take control of the plane and learn how to bank left and right, how to steer the plane and use the pedals. Coming back down, you feel heavy, like you have been compressed in a tiny box. It is fun, I really recommend it.

Cadets can be time consuming and what you put in you are more likely to get out of it. You will spend hours learning how to do drill, how to march to go on parades, such as the Remembrance Parade. Drill is repetitive, you spend ages going over the same movements, perfecting them until perfect. You must have your uniform clean and ironed or face the humiliation of having to wear horrible, ugly recruitment coveralls. You can do DofE through cadets, bronze, silver and gold. Overall I love it! Hard work, but the rewards are amazing”

Jennifer (Year 9)

The logo for Bradford Cathedral, featuring the words "BRADFORD" and "CATHEDRAL" in a stylized, blue, outlined font. To the right of the text is a circular emblem containing a cross-like design with a central dot and four points extending to the edges.

BRADFORD  
CATHEDRAL

# Prize Giving Evening

For the third year, our fabulous Prize Giving Evening took place at the historic Bradford Cathedral, which provided an incredible setting for our annual awards.

Over 150 students were recognised for Resilience and Ambition in different subjects and for Kindness and Courtesy in their year groups. There were also four special award winners, with the introduction of the new "Rita Tyas" turnaround prize, which recognised one student who has managed to make a significant improvement in their learning and behaviour.

We would like to thank all the staff, VIPs and performers (Gabbi and Jorgia) who all made the evening such a success.



# Cathedral Visit



As part of the school's priority to offer students new experiences and gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture, some of our Year 9 students visited Bradford Cathedral in November.

The Cathedral is one of Yorkshire's hidden gems and is the oldest building in the city and we are lucky to have been able to arrange to take our students to visit over the past few years. Visitors are constantly surprised and uplifted by this intimate and yet inspiring place of prayer. Christians have worshipped on this hillside in the centre of Bradford since the first millennium. Whilst there, students took part in three activities: a tour-taking in the main features of a church and historical points of interest; a workshop, on Christianity or Signs and Symbols in Christianity; and a craft activity, designing a stained-glass window, using the cathedral as inspiration.



# 26 | European Day of SEPT | Languages 2022



This year, the European Day of Languages took place on 26th September. To celebrate, students watched an assembly during form time and learnt fun facts such as how many languages are spoken across Europe and how many languages are spoken by students and staff at BBEC (a whopping 48 to be exact!) Students then completed Languages Passports to test their knowledge of all things European. Well done to everyone who took part.



# GAMESHOW

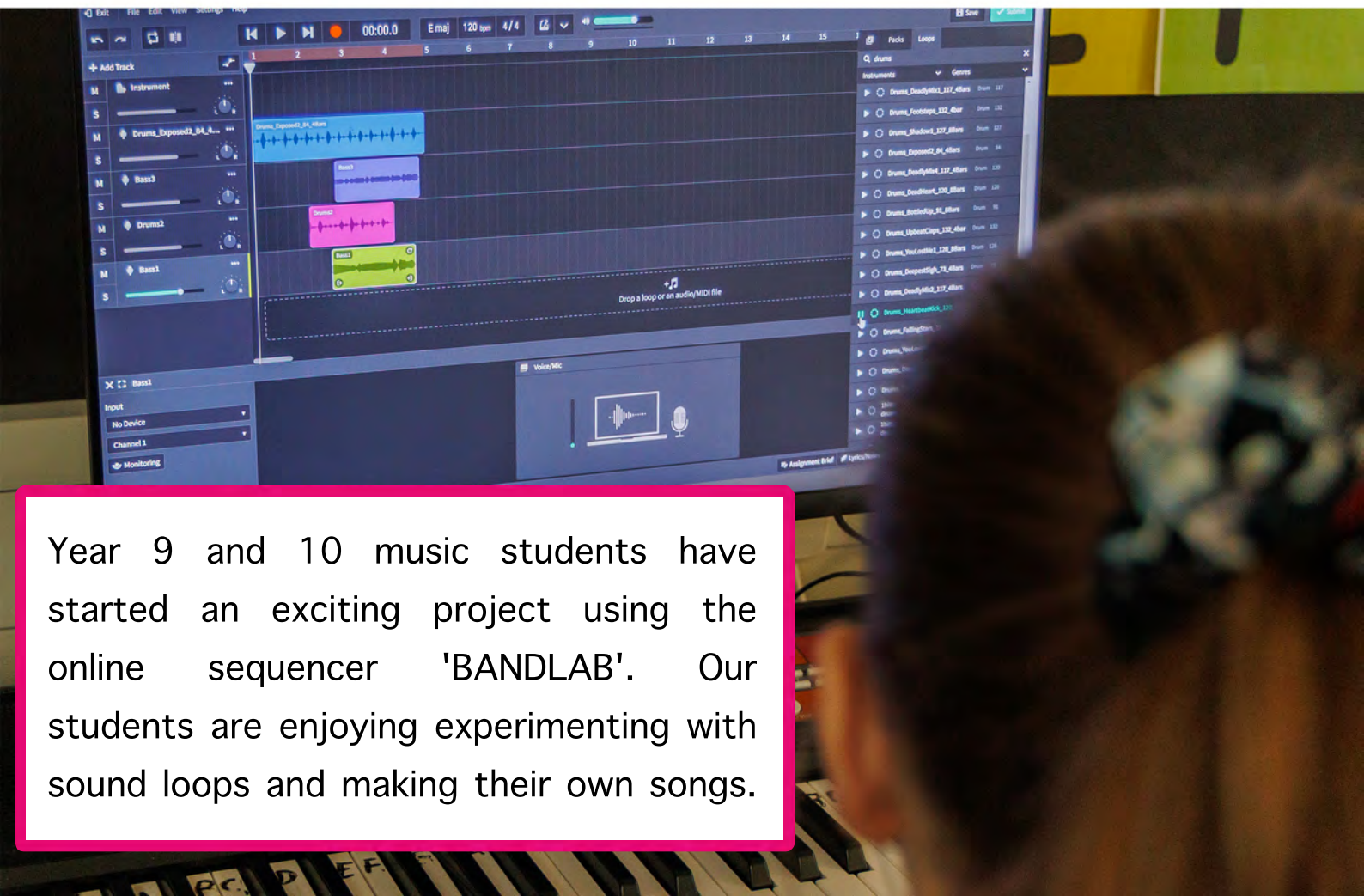
Years 7 and 8 took part in the incredible Geography Gameshow from our American friend Neal Nichols.

Guided by a world map Neal draws from memory, students were tested on their ability to remember in order to win prizes gathered from all over the World! Neal was amazed at our students' enthusiasm and knowledge!





Students across all year groups have been enjoying their fantastic drum, guitar and bass lessons this term. Anyone interested in taking lessons please email/see Mr Horsfall for more information. Voice/Keyboard lessons will be available soon.



Year 9 and 10 music students have started an exciting project using the online sequencer 'BANDLAB'. Our students are enjoying experimenting with sound loops and making their own songs.



A frosty scene was set for our 'Winter Wonderland' Christmas celebration event, which took place on Tuesday 13th December. Despite the ice and snow, families and members of our local community came into school to join in the fun of our very own Christmas market.

Festive food and drink was enjoyed by all, our canteen served hot chocolate and marshmallows, mulled punch and gingerbread, whilst our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students designed, made and served a large selection of festive canapes for our guests to enjoy, including; sweet potato, feta and fig rounds, mini-kebabs on pitta with tzatziki and cranberry, goats' cheese and red onion bites, smoked salmon blinis and a firm favourite on the night: gingerbread s'mores and mince pie twists.

Guests danced the evening away to the sounds of Christmas classics, whilst having pictures taken in our festive photo booth and were able to have them printed so that they could take them away. Families took part in a range of interactive activities such as wreath-making where they were shown tips and tricks to make the perfect, handmade fresh Christmas wreath. Some guests tried their hand at making their own felt stockings whilst learning a few basic stitching techniques and others had a go at making card chocolate boxes which they could fill and take away. Lots of our younger guests were loving having their faces painted and there were lots of mini-Rudolphins to be spotted in the crowd!

BREC are extremely proud to have invited our local businesses into school for the event: Julia's Florist offered a range of festive arrangements, frames, jewellery and other crafts for sale, The Little Soap Hut had a wide range of wax melts, candles, soaps and bath products on offer, Sweet Confectionery sold a wide variety of delectable treats including blondies and brownies, there were handmade crochet hats and decorations which were hugely popular and Wood and Stuff amazed all of our guests with their artisanal wooden Christmas decorations. We would like to thank all of these businesses for supporting our event, and we look forward to welcoming them back at the next one.







# CAREERS NEWS



Every year our students in Year 11 are invited to visit and experience one of the biggest employment sectors in the region: manufacturing. Our students were invited to a variety of companies within a sector which is looking to upskill and train their workforce.

We would like to thank Powell's UK, TF Automation, Orion, Thorite and Bowers who all gave the students an insight into the diverse roles within the sector and inspired our students to think about this as a future career. As part of the week we also piloted a work experience program with a local chemical engineering firm called Solenis. As part of the program, four of our Year 11 students had the opportunity to experience the different roles within their business, from working as a lab technician and engineering technicians to working within their distribution centre.

This experience has potentially led them to be eligible for an interview for a prestigious apprenticeship with the company which could hopefully lead to a successful career. Well done to Daniel, Maddie, Joshua and Simran for showing real ambition and resilience on the placement. There are also a variety of visits taking place to local colleges to help support our students with transition to post-16 options.



# ASPIRATIONS Evening



The annual Aspirations Evening was held on the 16th of November 2022 and, as always, attracted huge numbers of our Year 11 and Year 10 students.

All our students who attended were ambitious and enthusiastic about the next steps in their career journeys. We would also like to thank all the educators, training providers and businesses who supported the event - without them our event would not have been such a success. It was also fabulous to see some familiar faces returning, such as Mr Theakston (Leeds College of Building) and Jack Stephenson (Solenis).

Thanks also need to go to Mr Grant, Mr Ryan, Mr Haigh, the admin and catering teams and AMEY for the logistics. If any businesses would like to get involved in Aspirations Evening in Nov 2023 please get in touch.



# MOCK INTERVIEWS



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To prepare for their next steps, students in Year 11 took part in a mock interview morning where they were asked questions that they could be asked in college or employment interviews. Just like the real thing, students were nervous before they came into the event but, once they had left, felt that they really benefitted from the experience. Student feedback was: "I found it useful as it helped me prepare for the future", "It was helpful to understand what an interview would be like", "It was helpful as it gave me an insight on how a real interview would be, it also helped with my communication skills."

Thank you to all the employers that came to the event organised by Ahead Partnership, including AON Risk Solutions, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, BT Group, KPMG, Leeds City College, Locala CIC, Make It Done, Mills and Reeve, Morrisons, Mott MacDonald, N G Bailey, O2/Virgin Media, Torque Logistics, Transpennine Route Upgrade, and the University of Bradford. We hope that this has helped our students to go confidently into their interviews for college and apprenticeships.





**MORGAN  
SINDALL**  
GROUP



Our Year 11 Designing the Built Environment students braved the cold in December to visit the Morgan Sindall site in Holbeck, one of them showing enough resilience to wear shorts!

The trip was a key part of our construction course, touring the Springwell Gardens site and listening to presentations about careers in the industry.

They were a credit to BBEC.

# Senior Citizens'

CHRISTMAS

DINNER



We were delighted to host older members of the community at BBEC on the 14th December 2022. We also opened up the guest list to grandparents of students who nominated them for a 'Golden Ticket'.

We had a fantastic evening which began with a general knowledge quiz organised by our school prefects. Next up was a game of prize bingo with lots of winners and a prize draw raffle for a Christmas themed hamper. The highlight of the evening was a beautiful Christmas dinner prepared by our catering staff.



# TRANS AWARENESS WEEK



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Trans Awareness Week in November was once again planned and celebrated by our newly inaugurated Diversity and Inclusion prefects. They created and sold badges, as well as selling cakes provided by students and staff. During this week, the students raised around £75 which will go towards resources for our annual Pride event which will take place in July next year.



# Charities

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

# #HelloYellow



[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

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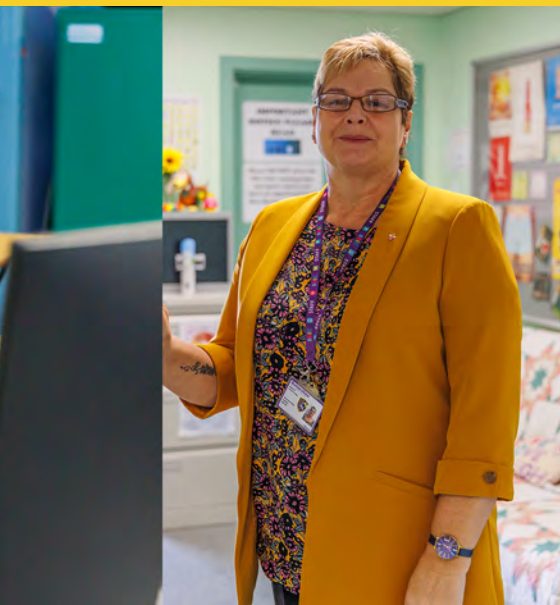
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Each year, BBEC students take part in activities on Hello Yellow day to raise money for Young Minds. Young Minds is an amazing charity which supports young people and their families with their mental health.

This year, students enjoyed completing the Hello Yellow word search and taking part in the Hello Yellow Challenge, which included demonstrating our Kindness value by saying something kind to a teacher. Students and staff could also wear yellow accessories in exchange for a silver coin.

In form time, students learnt about how Young Minds uses the funds that they raise and students have also been given a yellow sticker to put in their planners advising where to go for mental health advice and support.



# SKI TRIP BAG PACK



On Saturday 3rd and 10th December, some year 8 and 9 students took part in a bag packing event at the Buttershaw Tesco to raise funds ahead of their exciting ski trip to Italy in February.

The students all did a great job of packing customers' bags and getting into the festive spirit. Thanks to the generosity of shoppers, almost £700 was raised over the two mornings. Well done to all involved!





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



During the month of October, we celebrated Black History Month through a variety of activities. The Diversity and Inclusion committee created and put up posters around the school to celebrate a variety of role models linked to different school subjects. During VIP, all students looked at black history through literature. Year 7 read an extract of Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes, Year 8 read Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah and Year 9, 10 and 11 read The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.

These books explored themes around immigration, police brutality and belonging. As well as this, students were reminded in VIP about what it means to be anti-racist and stuck "Show Racism the Red Card" stickers into their planners as a pledge to



## Diversity and Inclusion Award

In July, we were awarded the Diversity Mark Bronze Award following an in-school assessment.

The assessors particularly commended our commitment to ensuring no child is left behind through our work on equality, diversity and inclusion. We are now working towards achieving our Silver Award and embedding our work further!

# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



BBEC students sold poppies during Remembrance Week this year to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and we held a two minute silence on 11th November at 11am in remembrance.

Students spent time reflecting in their PSHCE lessons and wrote about those they remember on poppy cards.

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

BBEC supported the MacMillan coffee morning this year. Our fabulous staff donated cakes (or unleashed their inner baker and made them!) and had a cuppa with their colleagues to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

# ALADDIN



The Performing Arts Department was proud to present the spectacular Christmas pantomime 'Aladdin' - the audience were treated to an amazing fun packed show!

The pantomime has become an annual tradition at BBEC and staff and students did a wonderful job entertaining a live audience who thoroughly enjoyed and engaged with the performance on the night. The highlight of the show was an energetic and brilliant performance of '12 days of Christmas'. Thank you to all staff and students who helped make the show possible.





## Rugby World Cup Final

On Saturday Mr Pollard, Mr McKenny, Mr Lomas, Mr Haigh and Mr Ward took 36 students from the school rugby teams to Old Trafford for the Rugby League World Cup Final.

The women's final saw Australia thrash New Zealand and in the men's final, Australia beat Samoa in an entertaining encounter.

Despite the considerable delay due to traffic on the way home, everyone had a good day and the students were impeccably behaved.