



April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying a glimpse of Spring.

Please find below some reminders and important information for this half term.

Communication

If you need to communicate with your child during the school day, please do so by phoning or emailing the main reception, rather than contacting them directly on their mobile phones. We have an increasing number of students using their phones to contact parents and carers which causes unnecessary disruption and confrontation. If you need to speak to a particular member of staff, please request an appointment to do so. It is very rare that a named person will be available 'on demand' during a busy school day.

Year 9 to Year 10 Pathways

Current Year 9 students will be introduced to their curriculum options this half term on Monday 15th May. Information will be presented to students and sent to parents at that time. This will be followed up with information and presentations about courses next year in the relevant subject lessons. Details of the whole process, including arrangements for parents to come and speak to senior staff if they have any questions, will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Exam build up & Year 11 arrangements

Year 11 have returned with a positive and determined attitude for their final few weeks before their GCSE and BTEC final exams. Exams in practical subjects start next week, and written exams start in earnest on the 15th May. Students attend school full time through the exams – study plus sessions will give final intensive revision on the day before an exam.

Important information will follow next week about arrangements for exams, exam rules and regulations around attendance, punctuality and conduct, and opportunities for final revision and exam preparation.

And then The Year 11 prom takes place on 7th July, an event we are all looking forward to!

Diversity and Inclusion (Bradford Citizens Project)

The Prefects have been involved in several projects linked to Diversity and Inclusion. Firstly, we continue our work with the Bradford Citizens project by taking part in workshops around tackling racism and sexual harassments with other schools in Bradford. We have also worked on a project with the Linking Network charity alongside Co-Op Academy Grange with the aim of working on community cohesion and bringing our two schools together. We took part in a workshop at City Hall in March and are planning to visit Grange for the next part of our project, following which we will welcome students to BBEC.

High School Musical Production

'We're all in this together!!'

Rehearsals are well under way for our Summer production of High School Musical and we are currently rehearsing Tuesday and Thursdays from 3pm -4.30. These will increase as we get nearer the performance date.

The performances will be :-

Tuesday 11 July 2023 7pm

Wednesday 12 July 2023 4pm

Thursday 13 July 7pm

It is not compulsory to bring pom-poms to this performance!!

Sporting Achievements

The girls' football team have, again, been very successful at all age groups. In the Bradford leagues they have already won at U13, U14 and U16 level with the U13 also winning the EFL cup and finished 3rd in the regional finals. They have visited Valley Parade to watch Bradford City and Old Trafford to watch Manchester United ladies. Four of the squad were recruited to Bradford City teams as a result of their performances in these competitions.

The boys' football teams have made some strides in their quest for honours. Year 7 reached the semi-final of their cup competition, losing 2-0 to Titus Salt school. Year 8 played their semi-final on Tuesday at Beckfoot should but fell at the last hurdle – they all deserve huge congratulations for getting so far!

Basketball teams are currently playing their fixtures and are working well towards a successful year, which would be a hard-earned success as students are training every morning at 7.30 and on a Friday after school. If their commitment is anything to go by, they will go far!

Teams have also been fielded in rugby and netball with some commendable performances, even though there has been no silverware for these teams.

We are now gearing up for summer sports. Rounders practice has started, as has athletics. Cricket will follow very soon.

Careers Week

This is a crucial time for our year 11 students. Exams are looming, and students will be looking to achieve the requisite results to gain entry to their chosen college or training. The majority of students have already made solid plans for the next academic year. However, we may still have some students who are unsure as to which pathway they would like to pursue. If you feel that your child requires any additional help (for example, to apply for college or training), then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Theakston on the following email address: adam.theakston@bbec.bdat-academies.org.

Over the last few weeks, the careers focus for year 11 students has been employability skills. Students have taken part in tutorial sessions, with a key focus on workplace attitudes and behaviours. As many of our learners will, in the near future, be venturing into the world of employment, it's really important that we try to equip students with (and raise awareness of) the crucial 'soft' skills that employers are looking for.

Dates for diaries

Monday 1 May School closed – May Day

Tuesday 2 May School partially closed – strike day – full details on website

w/c 2 May Yr11 Exams start

Monday 8 May School closed – Bank Holiday



w/c 15 May	Yr10 MFL Speaking Tests
Fri 26 May	Break up for half-term
Mon 5 June	Back to school all year groups
w/c 5 June	Yr7 Exam Week
w/c 12 June	Yr8 Exam Week
w/c 12 June	Yr10 Holderness Coast trip
Fri 16 June	BBEC Sports Day – Horsfall Stadium
w/c 19 June	Yr9 Exam Week
21 June – 29 June	Yr10 Exam Week
28 & 29 June	Yr9 Enterprise Activities
30 June	School Closed – Staff Training Day
w/c 3 July	Transition Week begins
w/c 3 July	Yr10 Work Experience Week
10 July	BDAT Sports Day – Horsfall Stadium
11 July	BDAT Sports Day – BVG
11 July	Summer Show!! – High School Musical
12 & 13 July	Yr10 History Trip – Thackray Medical Museum
w/c 17 July	Summer Rewards Trip
17-18 July	London Theatre Trip

Once again, thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Taylor
Headteacher