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An encounter with Michael Morpurgo



On holocaust memorial day, BBEC went to the Media Museum to watch a screening of Waiting for Anya. This was based on the book written by Michael Morpurgo, former children's laureate and author of War Horse and Private Peaceful amongst many others.

The story is about how Jews had to hide themselves from the Germans, so that they weren't taken to concentration camps, which Hitler set up. Morpurgo spoke about the Holocaust, explaining to us all about how innocent people were captured simply because they were Jews. That wasn't right. I thought that the screening was really good, as it expressed the fear that the Jews had. It was also quite sad, in the sense that even little, innocent, children, were taken to camps. Once we'd seen Waiting for Anya, some students were interviewed, asking about their thoughts on the short film and how it made them feel. It really showed that people then thought that they were superior because of their religion and it still goes on today!

Report by Ella



BBEC students being interviewed following the screening.

BRILLIANT CLUB



Our Brilliant Club students visited the University of Manchester at the beginning of January.

The Brilliant Club is a charity that works with schools and universities across the UK to increase the number of pupils from under represented backgrounds progressing to highly selective universities.

After an introduction to the Scholar's programme, the students took part in a study skills lecture delivered by a PhD student from the university. This aimed to prepare them for the assignment they will write for their tutor and included areas such as referencing and structuring arguments. The students then had a tour of the university campus to gain an insight into what it would be like to study at the University of Manchester.

After lunch, the students attended two workshops. The first was an information and guidance workshop where students discussed the differences between university, college and school. This was also an opportunity for the students to get to know students from other schools a little better. The second workshop was a tutorial with a PhD student - the topic of this tutorial was drug testing. This introductory tutorial will form the basis of their essay.



Last month a group of students across different year groups were chosen to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and went on a training day in Leeds. The training was run by the Diana Award charity which was set up in her memory and her belief that young people have the power to change the world.

Since then our ambassadors have been working very hard to achieve their goals and help support other students in school.

They have worked together to create a number of ideas to support their fellow students including setting up a form post box to deal with issues that students may have in life.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have also created posters which will be put up around the school giving advice to other students on what they should do if they feel they are being bullied in school.

A major initiative has been the creation of 'Buddies' so that younger students have somebody to talk to.

Finally, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have spoken in assemblies and have created an awareness campaign which all students will see during form time.



Gold Award Treat



Two of our students have shown how exceptional their behaviour is by achieving a gold award, which means that they have at least 2400 net behaviour points.

Abbie and Colm were taken to Starbucks by Ms Hartley for achieving a Gold Award. They were able to take one friend with them to enjoy the treat.

BBEC STUDENTS ON THE AIRWAVES

At the beginning of February, Mr Theakston and six of our music students joined forces with students and staff from Belle Vue Girls Academy, Bradford Forster Academy and Oasis Lister Park Academy to devise, create and perform a mass ensemble music piece (from scratch) in a day.

During rehearsals we were lucky enough to be visited by David Carpenter from BCB radio, who interviewed staff and students to compile a feature on the project.



AUNTY KNIFE

At

BBEC

Essential information around knife crime



A groups of BBEC students have been involved in the development of a new app designed to save young people from knife crime.

Students from BBEC, Carlton Bolling, University Academy Keighley and Bradford Grammar joined forces with charities, police and the Home Office to create 'Aunty Knife' - a portal for reporting crime and advice for parents or teenagers who feel unsafe, available on both Apple and Android.

Two students from each school will also be selected to attend a meeting in the Houses of Parliament to present their group's policy paper. Their reports will offer solutions to ministers in the plight to reduce and eradicate the national weapon epidemic.

The students conducted research and experienced full day workshops and talks from local and national figures at Kala Sangam Arts Centre.

The feedback from organisers was that they all really embraced what they were doing and really wanted to help other kids stay out of trouble.

Well done to all the students who took part in the project.



Our 2019 Christmas pantomime production of Snow White was a phenomenal success.

The pantomime has become an annual tradition at BBEC and staff and students did a wonderful job entertaining a sell out 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'.





PERFORMING ARTS Academy

The Performing Arts Academy is one of the five academies at BBEC. Shante in Year 8 is a member of the Department of Communication and also a member of the Performing Arts Academy.

Shante has interviewed staff and students about their thoughts on being part of the academy:

Students

Thank you to Lucy (Year 10), Taya (Year 10), Leona (Year 8) and Ruby (Year 8)

Q What made you want to join the academy?

A I have a passion for dance and I wanted to develop my skills and work with many other people who have the same passion.

A I wanted to improve my skills and also get performance experience plus I would be able to work with other year groups.

A I have a huge passion for dance and hopefully one day I can turn it into a career.

A I have a passion for dance and I wanted to improve my abilities.

Q Are you proud of being in the academy?

A Yes I am proud of being part of this academy, I have improved a lot.

A Yes I have achieved a lot.

A Yes because I want to represent BBEC in a way that will help me get a good job.

A Yes I have already expanded my abilities.

Q What are you in the academy for?

A I am in the academy for dance

A I'm in it for dancing.

A I joined for dancing.

Miss Holdsworth

- Q** Do you feel proud of what you and your students have achieved?
- A** Definitely, since I have been in school the performing arts academy has gone from strength to strength. The quality of the students that are producing new shows have some of the top talents.
- Q** What makes you want to keep the academy up and running?
- A** It gives students the opportunity to aspire and fulfil their dreams as a programme and to develop and push them to their limits.
- Q** Tell me some of the activities that are available in the academy?
- A** Dance spectacular, summer show, BDAT Be There, junior dance challenge. Unfortunately there is no Rock Challenge this year.

Miss Harrison-Townsend

- Q** Do you feel proud of what you and your students have achieved?
- A** Yes I feel very proud.
- Q** What makes you want to keep on teaching?
- A** Seeing students' progress and seeing their confidence grow plus they learn a lot more.
- Q** What do you enjoy the most?
- A** Watching students create their own scenes and seeing them use drama in other lessons.



BDAT BE THERE

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

Students from across the schools put on an amazing performance at the newly refurbished St George's Hall in 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 and ensembles.

Well done to all the students and staff involved!

BBEC musicians performing a Greenday medley



Ellie wowing the crowds with her solo performance



Our hosts Sameer and Leah



The BBEC dancers performing their rendition of 'Razzle Dazzle 'em'





Our student parliament visit the HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Just after the half term break, very early on a very snowy morning, our Student Parliament went down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and for a sightseeing tour. For some of our students, this was their first visit to the capital.

The London trip was a really interesting and informative trip. When we went to the Houses of Parliament we got to learn all about the House of Commons and House of Lords, standing where politicians such as Boris Johnson and Winston Churchill have stood was fantastic. I was able to see what it would be like to work as a politician there.

Our trip to The British Museum afterwards gave us a chance to look at ancient artefacts from the Greeks and Egyptians among other civilisations. Overall, the trip was fun, educational and a special experience I will always remember.

Ellie - Head Girl

Our Head Boy Sameer was honoured to stand in the same place where Nelson Mandela once stood



Our students at the British Museum



Leaving at 5am and returning at 10pm meant it was a very long and tiring day, but it was totally worth it. Arriving in Westminster Hall, which looked just like the Great Hall at Hogwarts, was really special. It was of course a working day in Westminster and so the hall was full of politicians and Lords busy meeting members of the public and liaising with other government officials.

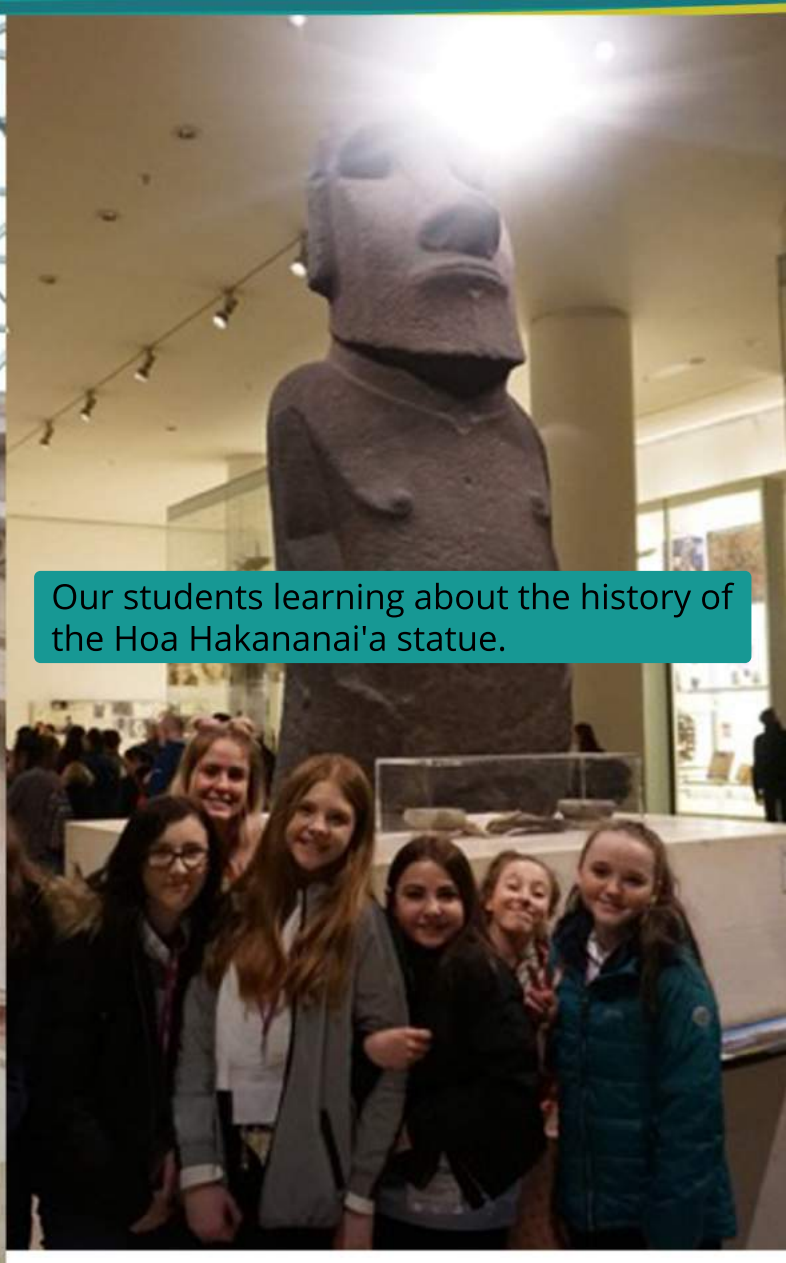
Once on our tour we got to enter the House of Lords where we were taught all about how the House of Lords is made up and what topics they have debated and put into law. We also got to sit in the back benches of the House of Commons looking down upon the front benches where our Prime Minister speaks each week.

Next we went to the British Museum and spent a few hours walking around the various exhibitions including the Rosetta Stone which was used to translate hieroglyphs into English.

Finally we did a bus tour around the sights of London including Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square.

The trip was an amazing experience for both students and staff and I was very proud to have the opportunity to take the members of Student Parliament.

Mr Taylor





Our Head Boy and Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl have outlined their aims for this year:

Sameer - Sameer Says:

Sameer wants to encourage our students to become more open minded and ambitious and to encourage healthy discussion about topics such as sexism, racism and homophobia.

Ellie - Book Club:

Ellie is a passionate reader and wants to encourage more students to develop a true love of reading and creative writing. Her idea is to create a student book club for all students of every year group. They will meet weekly and discuss the book they are reading.

Jervaise - Sports Leaders:

Jervaise loves sport and wants to be a leader to encourage more students to be more physically active. His idea is to become a sports leader for basketball and promote, coach, manage and referee our basketball teams across the school. He will also co-ordinate the sports leaders' programme within the Health department; the sports leaders will represent a variety of sports.

Lucy - Confidence Club:

Lucy is a very talented dancer and passionately feels that she has grown in confidence as a result of having this hobby. She feels it has transformed her into someone who has successfully applied for the role of deputy head girl and performs in front of hundreds of people. She wants to create a 'Confidence Club' which will use dance, training, teamwork, public speaking and communication to help students in the school who struggle with confidence. This would target any students who feel they need support.

Department for the Environment



The Department for the Environment will be launching their Clean School Campaign kicking it off with the Big School Clean.

They will soon be launching their school recycling competition where forms will compete to recycle the most plastic drinks bottles and crisp packets.

Department for Communication



As well as their contributions to the BBEC Buzz, the Department for Communication will be organising the biggest collection of student voice the school has ever seen.

All prefects will visit their form constituencies to find what changes their fellow students would like to see in the school and will take their findings forward to the senior leadership team.

Department for the Community



Members of the Department for the Community have met with local charity Buttershaw Footprint.

They will be supporting the charity with a 'Community Knock' where they will encourage local members of the community to come into school to try their hand at a variety of sports, arts and craft and music.

'Fun Friday' will then run weekly, bringing members of our local community together.

Department for Health and Wellbeing



The Department for Health and Wellbeing will be launching their Mental Health Wellbeing centre which will look to support students who are struggling with stress or anxiety.

The club will teach students a variety of coping strategies to deal with stress and anxiety, particularly in the run up to exams.

They will be supporting each other, providing mindfulness lessons, yoga classes and much more.

Sameer Says



Welcome to our new feature by Head Boy Sameer.

Sameer Says: It doesn't cost anything to be nice. Sometimes being nice is just not saying anything, and not going out of your way to hurt someone. Just stay low and stay humble and let's make this school a pleasant place for everyone.

Respect is only earned by giving respect. We must stay courteous to everyone and empathise with every single one of us. We as humans are the greatest species because we are able to differentiate between right and wrong. I'm sure we can agree that being disrespectful is wrong, so let's try to minimise the wrongs we do as humans.

Bullying is a bad thing. Bullies try to make people feel bad about themselves, but bullying only really becomes a problem if the person listens and believes the lies they make up. Pity bullies, feel sorry for them, don't be afraid of them.

I moved to the UK from Pakistan when I was 14. There are so many opportunities open to young people which weren't available to me in Pakistan. If you want to be successful here in the UK, all you need is self-belief and hard work. The main cause of failure is people not believing in themselves. People have this imaginary bubble limiting their potential. I see so much potential at BBEC, just believe in yourself.

“Respect is only earned by giving respect”

ROYAL AIR FORCE



BAE SYSTEMS



Fossil Fuels	1%
Electricity	2%
Fossil Fuels	4%
Electricity	4%
Fossil Fuels	8%
Electricity	8%
Electricity	15%
Equipment & Electricity	58%



Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a show all about energy, being introduced to real life energy considerations within BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy.

The show is interactive with games and even a rowing competition for the athletically inclined! Throughout the show students were introduced to a series of fun and fascinating ways in which energy is used in everyday life.



McDonald's



Seven students visited McDonalds at Salter Hebble as part of the CEIAG programme, supported by Business in the Community.

Students learnt about the business structure, health and safety, risk assessments, customer service and hospitality plus much more.



Careers

Seven students attended the first NHS Careers fair at the University of Bradford.

It was an extremely informative event with workshops and representatives from a huge variety of areas within the NHS and speakers.

The students had a genuine interest in the NHS as a career opportunity.



Visit

A group of BBEC's Bridge students gained an invaluable insight into the world of work thanks to Incommunities. Over a six week period, the students travelled to the Hillam Road site and completed a City & Guilds level 1 course on employability.

As part of the course students initially put a poster together about themselves and their interests so the people delivering the course got to know a little bit about them. They completed a booklet throughout the course about interview techniques including dress code and body language, also the type of questions and answers that would be good and bad in job interviews. They also learned how to communicate with work colleagues in the workplace.

The students also went into the trade training centre where they learned about health and safety and were taught joinery skills; they each made a wooden box to take home.

Each student attended a mock interview with Incommunities staff and they were all provided with positive feedback (they all dressed in suits for this). Finally, they prepared and delivered a PowerPoint presentation to all the staff they met including the deputy CEO and Director of Human Resources. All the staff at Incommunities were truly impressed with all of the students.

This course is usually aimed at adults who are seeking employment but following the success of our students and the good impression they made on the Incommunities staff, they now hope to offer it to other schools.



Attendance Challenge



To improve attendance we ran two attendance challenges before half term – all students who got 100% attendance between 27 to 31 January and 10 to 14 February were entered into a prize draw and five students were chosen randomly to win a £20 Nando's voucher!

Charities



BBEC raised £46.78 for NSPCC Number Day.

Students spotted maths teachers' errors and fined them 20p a time - made a cool £25.60 for NSPCC Number Day.

Students also donated change to make 'towers of treasure' (any means of support allowed however had to be filled with coins). Miss White's classes put us all to shame with their giant tube of over £20 of change!



I love Comic Book Club, because people feel free to express themselves. Mr McKenny runs the club and he said, "There are people in this club that I teach who are very shy and won't say a word in class, but when they come to Comic Book Club they talk about and show what they love." Also in this club we do quizzes on Harry Potter, Anime and Marvel which everyone loves doing.

Some people come to the club to read comics that they love and we lend each other copies we think others would enjoy too. We also watch movies and take trips to the cinema such as when we went to watch Avengers Endgame last year. Sometimes we lend each other DVDs so we can watch movies with our families.

Finally, some people come to Comic Book Club to draw and create their own comics and Anime. This shows what they love and shows their skills to other people; we have even created a display in the corridor of our art work.

We all think it is an amazing club to go to because we can show off what we love and we can express ourselves freely. Also, people can talk to anyone at the club, and especially Mr McKenny who is really nice.

Report by Rhys, Year 10





SPORT



Buttershaw welcomed four primary schools to the annual hockey competition on Wednesday 5 February: Woodside, Worth Valley, Reevy Hill and St Paul's. Fixtures between the schools were contested in group stages with each school being split into two teams.

The Team 'A's and Team 'B's played against each other until the top two teams from each group played a grand final. St Paul's beat Reevy Hill in final 'A' and Woodside were edged by Worth Valley. Points were then added together between the teams until an eventual winner was found. St Paul's won the tournament with the largest number of points amassed with Worth Valley closely finishing second.

All students had a brilliant time developing their hockey skills, as well as their confidence skills and getting a feel for the school. Overall, the competition was a huge success and hopefully there will be many more to follow!

Report by Joe



The basketball teams have been taking part in a varsity style tournament against Beckfoot School in Bingley.

The first game was Year 7s where Beckfoot came away victorious. This game was played at BBEC and was a real team effort. It was refereed by Trayshun, Cameron and Ewan and coached by Jervaise and Aminah.

The next two games were played at Beckfoot. In the Year 9 boys' game Beckfoot came away victorious however in the mixed girls fixture, BBEC won to make it 2-1.

Bradford Schools' CROSS COUNTRY



On a cold Wednesday in January, 12 of our students took on the swamp like conditions at the Bradford Schools' Cross Country championships at Northcliffe Park in Shipley.

Students have religiously attended running club each week in order to prepare for the competition and all did themselves super proud (getting filthy and having a great time in the process!).

Most notable is how supportive of each other they were, cheering on their peers all the way.

The students involved were -

Porscher, Hannah, Evie, Alayna, Kiarah, Millie, Emelia, Mason, Abdiaziz, Connor, Jacob, George.

On Saturday 1 February, Connor and Abdiaziz (both Yr10) went on to take part in the West Yorkshire cross country championships, having previously qualified to represent the City of Bradford.

The event took place in freezing, drizzly, gale-force-wind-swept conditions and, as their race was the last of the day, the 3.5 mile course was pretty churned by that point. Both boys really dug in and were praised by local running legend Tony Kingham (former Brownlee coach and Bradford marathon winner) who said they both had "lots of potential" and must be commended for turning up and grafting (when the odds were clearly against them).

Finish times were -

Abdi - 22:27 (3rd Bradford)

Connor - 29:00 (6th Bradford)





BBEC Girls Football

The girls U14 team have made a brilliant start to the league with the following wins:

BBEC 9 - 1 Bradford Academy
BBEC 13 - 0 Dixons McMillan
BBEC 2 - 0 Immanuel

The girls were fantastic in difficult conditions and with no subs. Olivia in Year 7 deserves a special mention - she was brilliant against Year 9 teams.

Hollie (9 goals)
Ruby (10 goals)
Charlie (2 goals)
Maisie (1 goal)
Olivia (2 goals)
Elissa (2 clean sheets)

The girls continued to smash it with two more wins. Millie in Year 7 also made an appearance scoring her first league goal for BBEC.

BBEC 9 - 0 One In A Million
BBEC 5 - 1 Thornton



BRADFORD



The Year 7 girls Sports Hall athletics team came 2nd in the Bradford Winter games. They missed out on winning by a single point which was gutting, but still is an incredible achievement. A number of races were very close which might on another day have gone in our favour.

The School Games organiser from Tong school, who ran the South Bradford qualifier, commented that she felt the girls had stepped up their game from the qualifier and the biggest achievement as far as Mr Ward and I are concerned was that every single one of the girls pushed themselves as far as they could, and never gave in, even when they were not in the lead and especially when they were getting tired at the end of races.

Unfortunately this is the end of the road for the girls in this competition - coming first would have had them going through to the West Yorkshire finals. Hopefully next year they can go another step further.

Report by Mr Hillam

Buttershaw's Year 7 girls recently took part in the Bradford School Games on Friday 14 February in which they finished a respectable second after qualifying through their previous tournament. The competition took place at Hanson Academy with eight schools competing. The games began with a series of events such as: speed bounce, triple jump, chest push, standing long jump and the vertical jump. Points were totalled from these which contributed to the total outcome.

The highlight of the competition, however, was the races: the 1/2/3/4 lap race, the parallel 800 metres and the relay. Buttershaw began strongly with Kenya winning the opening one lap race. Ellie then earned a 3rd place finish in the two lap race whilst Olivia and Hannah finished 2nd place in the three and four lap races respectively. The parallel 800 metres was also a success with Millie and Porsha finishing 3rd while Kenya, Olivia, Ellie and Millie also finished 3rd in the relay.

This successful competition was rounded off with a second place finish with BBEC narrowly missing out on the top spot by a point. Despite this, it was clear that the students enjoyed their time participating and hopefully we will be hearing more of their successes soon.

Report by Joe, Year 10

