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Newsletter

## Reading at Key Stage 3



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# VALUES



AMBITION



RESILIENCE



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# CAPTAIN TOM 100

DO IT YOUR WAY



The 30th of April would have been Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101st Birthday. In honour of this, the BBEC maths department and students took part in the 'Captain Tom 100' Challenge emulating his 100 laps which raised over £30 million for the NHS last year. Every student was challenged with a 100 challenge. In most classes, the challenge was to complete 100 questions within their maths lesson and the teachers pledged to donate on behalf of each student who achieved this. Students showed their ambition and resilience by working hard to complete as much as possible for this challenge.

Some classes also had special challenges related to the number 100 including those set by White Rose Maths whose scheme of work we follow in KS3.

Mr Mazacs' classes were aiming to make every number from 1-100 just using the numbers 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 and any mathematical operations. Have a go yourself and see how you do. Can you get them all?

Although most donations were made by our generous maths teachers on behalf of our students, Miss Shahid's year 8 class went above and beyond by donating their own charitable contributions adding £40 to the total.

Staff and students raised £336 for a variety of charities including The Captain Tom Foundation, Cancer Trust UK, Twoco Joseph Storehouse, Stonewall, Dementia UK, Smile for a child, Eidih Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support and The Epilepsy Society.

Thank you to all our staff and students who took part.



## Race For Life

In the final week of the summer term, our students will have the chance to support “Race for Life” and raise money for causes that are important to them.

We will be asking our students to walk, skip, hop, jump or run one mile and gain sponsorships for their efforts. There will be events for each year group: Monday 19 July (Y9), Tuesday 20 July (Y7), Wednesday 21 July (Y10) and Thursday 22 (Y8).

Besides these fun events there will also be staff races and elite events for students who will be competing virtually for the BDAT Sports Spectacular prizes, so get training and let's bring those trophies back to BBEC where they belong.



## Sustainability Champions

Our Year 7 prefects have been busy throughout the spring term promoting sustainability and, in the process, helping BBEC to become a National Eco-school. The result is our first Bronze Award and Eco-School recognition.

You can find our much more on our website: <https://www.buttershaw.net/sustainability/>

So far our successes have included the introduction of re-usable water bottles, which are available for students, staff and parents to purchase through Parent Pay at £5.50 for a 500ml bottle and £4.50 for the 250ml bottle. We hope these bottles will make our students healthier by drinking more water and reduce their use of single-use plastics, making a small dent in the 8 million plastic bottles thrown away each year in the UK.

We have also tackled our sourcing of paper by signing up to the Forest Carbon Programme, (<https://www.forestcarbon.co.uk/what-we-do/about-us>) patroned by Sir David Attenborough. Going forward all our paper will now be ethically sourced to reduce environmental impact and we are also establishing full recycling of paper to reduce the volumes and the costs of our waste going into landfill; there are around 10 million tonnes of paper across the UK meeting this sad end! Our paper is no longer sourced unethically and through our actions nine new trees have been planted in chosen sustainable forests and we have reduced our CO2 emissions by 2000kg.

Students will get the chance to learning much more about sustainability in our Eco-Week beginning 22 June, which will also link with Fair Trade. If students would like to get more involved please contact Mr Ryan ([jry@buttershaw.net](mailto:jry@buttershaw.net))



During the Spring term we also set the students a challenge via their form groups to raise enough money for 50 Easter Eggs to be donated to the Easter Egg-stravaganza egg hunt at the Sandale Trust for Easter weekend. The students did remarkably well in achieving this challenge.

The staff at BBEC also donated various toiletries for the food bank at Sandale Trust.

On Friday 30th April, 24 Year 10 students took part in a public speaking workshop by the Speaker's Trust.

They spent the day improving their public speaking skills, finishing off by presenting a 2-minute speech on their own topic, showing lots of ambition and resilience!





May saw the return of careers provisions outside of BBEC with students from the Y11 Designing the Built Environment course visiting Birkbeck Solutions, Dudley Hill.

The aim of the visit was to find out more about the engineering and designing of steel superstructures and to begin their selection process for a lucrative apprenticeship.

We wish all of our applicants a successful outcome.

You can find out more about other apprenticeships from our careers advisor Mr Grant ([img@buttershaw.net](mailto:img@buttershaw.net))

and from this link:  
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

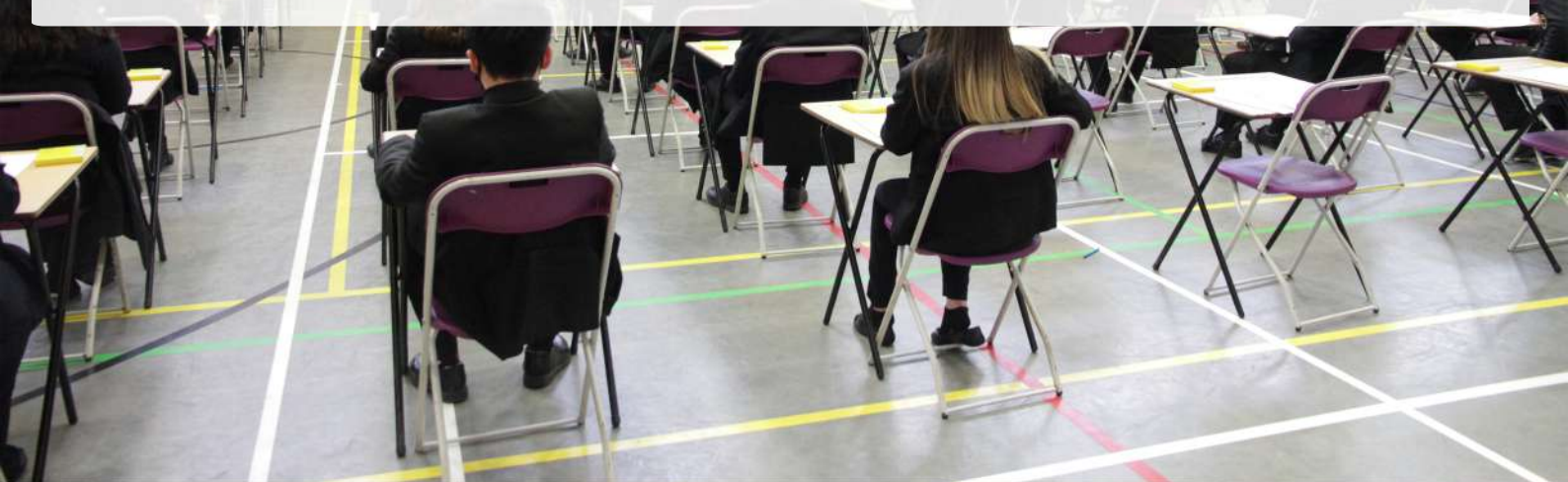


## Year 11 Exams

Year 11 have shown great resilience in the last few weeks as they come to the end of their GCSE and BTEC courses. Their last two years have been very disrupted due to covid, but they have bounced back incredibly well.

Students have been working very hard in the last few weeks to complete their courses. They have been completing assessments in class as well as a series of 'mock exams'. All this work will provide evidence for teachers when deciding on GCSE grades in the next few weeks.

We wish all our Year 11 students good luck in the next step of their education.



## Activities

We have been delighted to restart our after school activities for Year 7.

Staff are running the ever popular Comic Book Club, Chess Club, Disney Club, Art Club and numerous performing arts and sports clubs and it has been fabulous to see so many students taking part.

We are looking forward to expanding the range of activities we can offer as restrictions continue to lift, beginning with Year 8 being offered the opportunity to gain a first aid qualification after half term.



# Prefects



This term has been a busy one for the school prefects.

## Department for Careers and Education



The Year 11 Career and Education department played a key part in the Bradford Schools' Pandemic Recovery Summit, collaborating with students from other schools to put forward a recovery manifesto for our new West Yorkshire Mayoress, Tracy Brabin.

It is hoped the manifesto will help tackle the issues that CV-19 has caused our students and their communities and prioritise action and funding to key areas. This event was led by Citizens UK and Mr Ryan and is influencing important decisions across our city.

## Department for the Community



The Year 10 Community Department recently completed a training course from Speaker's Trust, called "Speak Out" where they learned many new skills around public speaking and communicating on many important and personal issues.

This incredibly successful event was organised by Ms Kaur and there are a number of follow-up events planned, including prefects presenting their issues to the Senior Leadership Team after half term. We are also keen to see this programme be experienced by all Year 10 students.

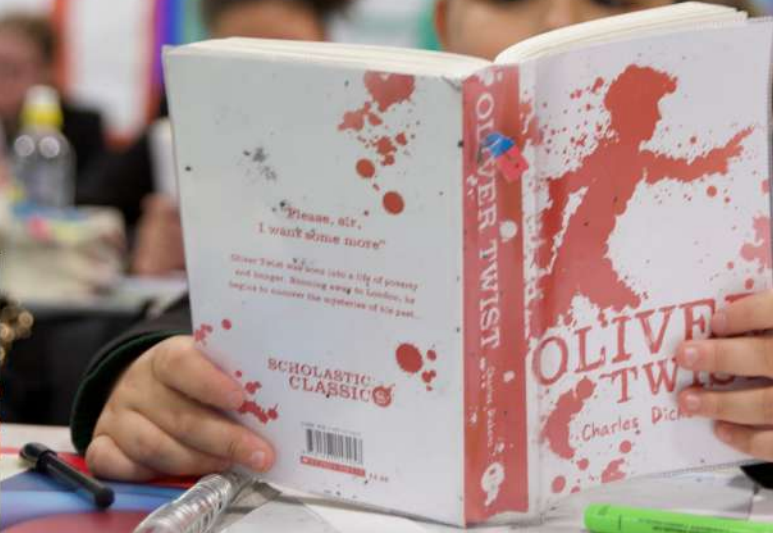
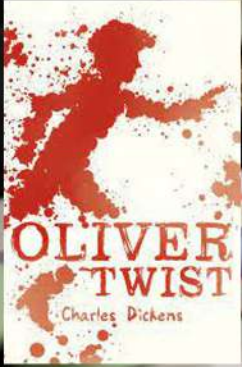
## Department for the Environment



The Year 7 Environment Department have been busy during lockdown with many eco-initiatives and have now continued their sustainability ambitions, with their successes covered elsewhere in Buzz.

Mr Taylor is now planning for the next round of prefect elections in the autumn term and continuing the successes of all our departments.

# Reading at Key Stage 3



We have raised the level of challenge this year for all students in Years 7, 8 & 9, by introducing some new texts.

At the moment, Year 7 are reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens, Year 8 are reading 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell and Year 9 are reading 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley.

This is in addition to having already read 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'To Kill a Mockingbird', to name but a few. Our students have responded really well to this new challenge and are enjoying the experience of reading these classics!







## Music Instrumental Lessons



As we continue down the national road to recovery following several lockdowns, we are very excited to update you on peripatetic instrumental lessons, extra-curricular activities and upcoming performances from the Music and Performing Arts departments.

We are very lucky to have a brilliant team of expert instrumental teachers who provide students with tuition on keyboard, piano, woodwind, percussion and voice. Instrumental lessons resumed at the start of the summer term and we will be sending further information out in the coming weeks about booking lessons for your child for the next academic year. We are so proud of the ambition students have shown with their learning along with demonstrating resilience in their lessons. If you have any questions, please email [sbi@buttershaw.net](mailto:sbi@buttershaw.net).

We are now in a position to resume rehearsals for our school choir and along with new, exciting extra-curricular activities. Our school choir will rehearse weekly with Ms Slattery after school every Thursday in the atrium. A new Djembe drumming group will rehearse after school on Wednesdays with Mr Bibby in Y108 and Mr Gibson will be running Battle of the Bands after school on Thursdays in Y108. All ensembles will rehearse between 3:10pm and 4:00pm. If you're interested in joining, please speak with your music teacher.

At this time of year we would normally be busy with rehearsals for our production; unfortunately, this hasn't been possible this year. We are, however, planning a Virtual Variety Show featuring our usual high calibre drama, dance and musical performances. We'll give you more information as soon as possible.