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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

By the end of the term I will have been Head of School for 7 weeks! What a privilege it has been to meet the students, staff, governors and some parents at the school and to have been a part of all the exciting events that have taken place alongside normal lessons.

During the last sweltering weeks of term, students of all year groups sat their end of year exams, they behaved beautifully despite the high temperatures. For years 7 to 10 these important assessments will help us all to decide where learning has been successful and what needs to be done next year. For years 11 and 13 the exams completed different stages of education and these were marked with the Year 11 Prom and a Post 16 evening out. We are all looking forward to the results at the end of the summer and welcoming some of the students back into year 12 next year.

The school has been buzzing with trips and events; too many to mention all of them, however, I have been impressed with the exceptionally high level of skill and enthusiasm shown by our students alongside their respectful and courteous behaviour when representing the school.

The recent Technology and Art exhibition show-cased the work of our talented students, the Northern Premier Rock Challenge final in Grimsby was exceptional and High School Musical was truly fabulous! Watching our students compete (and win) the BDAT sports day event was thrilling, but what impressed me most of all was the way that BBEC students congratulated team members from other schools and conducted themselves in a way to make us all proud.

There have been trips to visit the Rose Theatre in York and The Alhambra in Bradford; these have given our students the chance to see Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's dream* and *Macbeth* performed by professionals in stunning surroundings. A small number of Year 9 students took part in a poetry slam event, Year 10 have been on work experience, students have collected contributions for a local food bank, a huge number of students have been rewarded for great behaviour and attendance; including earning time on inflatables.

Year 7 students have visited Bradford College with students from other BDAT schools, maths competitions have been entered and certificates achieved, post 16 students have visited Cambridge University and a small group of A level physicists will be visiting the Cern laboratories in Switzerland at the start of the summer break. Wow!

I am really looking forward to next September and working with the talented staff and students at BBEC to ensure that every child makes progress and is successful. May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful, happy and sunny summer break.

Ruth Hartley



PERFORMANCE

This year's Bradford Literature Festival Schools Programme invited our Year 10 students to a Macbeth event on Friday 6th July. Shakespeare's Scottish play is one of the key texts for GCSE English Literature, so we took over 150 students for a day of Macbeth performance, scene acting and a key analysis from a university professor. It was a great day for enriching the knowledge of our future Year 11s!

Enterprise Challenge



Our students travelled to Price Water-house Coopers in Leeds to compete alongside students from Immanuel College in their 'Enabling Enterprise' competition.

The day helped students develop the enterprise skills they have been working on improving this year. These are a set of eight skills, which combines what employers are looking for and the skills that have been shown to unlock learning. Specifically aiming at the foundations of empathy, resilience and confident communication.

The students were as brilliant as ever and thoroughly enjoyed being in teams with Immanuel College. Saeed and Joseph were in the overall winning team and Jacob and Summer were in the best team presentation.

BBEC STAFF FOOD BANK

During June, staff from BBEC donated over 100 bags of crisps to the food bank based at St Paul's Church in Wibsey.

The food bank helps people and families from the local community by providing them with food packages which are distributed every Wednesday morning at the church.

Reverend Guillemain said "I would like to thank BBEC very much for the generous gift you brought to our Food Bank. It was very appreciated, and will surely help families in need in our area."



CLOTHING BANK

Throughout the school year staff and students have been donating their unwanted clothes to a very worthwhile cause.

All the clothes will be donated to numerous local clothing banks who directly distribute the clothes to those in need.

Many homeless people will benefit from these clothes and they are an important factor for keeping warm.

The charity shown by staff and students from BBEC this year has been superb and we are looking forward to selecting our chosen charities in the new academic year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to encourage parents/carers/ students to follow our new social media accounts.

Keep up to date with all the latest **BBEC** news and pictures.



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SUMMER REWARDS PASSES

Over 500 of our students took part in two days of summer rewards programme having achieved the equivalent of 2400 achievement points this year or 800 achievement points this term.

They thoroughly enjoyed the inflatable obstacle course, many racing our superbly fit and athletic staff. In the gym, we held our first charity gala with around 15 stalls set up by our students, all of whom were raising money for causes close to their hearts. At the time of writing we expect to raise over £300. A huge thank you to everybody involved, especially Mrs Pattison and her Enterprise Academy students, our superb prefects for running the rewards desk all last week, for the logistics - the admin team and Mr Haigh (Facilities Manager).



SPORTS DAY



BBEC Sports Day took place on Friday 22nd June in glorious sunshine at Horsfall Stadium. The heat didn't stop the students from producing a fabulous competition and a number of records were broken. All the winners of individual events were then put forward to represent the school at the BDAT games the following week.

The BDAT sports spectacular saw BBEC students crowned champions for the second year running. Hundreds of students from four different schools took part in the two day competition which was hosted at Horsfall Stadium and Belle Vue Girls' Academy. The team as a whole performed brilliantly. The final results for the first day had BBEC in the lead over Bradford Forster Academy, Immanuel College and Belle Vue Girls' Academy.

The second day saw students compete in, badminton, boccia, football, dance, netball and rounders. Teams in these sports all competed to an extremely high level with U15 boys winning rounders, football and badminton.

The truly outstanding performance of the day was the girls' dance teams at both U13 and U15 age groups. The girls then performed their routine to the whole group of participants from the four schools, blowing them away with their prowess.

Once the scores had been added up, BBEC was victorious in U13 girls, U15 boys and U15 girls. This meant that BBEC were also the overall champions.

The most important thing that was noted by members of staff from all four schools was the spirit of sporting behaviour that was displayed across the two days. The behaviour was exemplary from all students and all left for the weekend tired, but delighted with their efforts.



SPORTS DAY





HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The Performing Arts department were very proud to host this year's main school production of 'High School Musical'. The classic Disney musical took place over three nights and was a phenomenal success.

A rock solid cast, coupled with outstanding production values, ensured that the dazzling show was a runaway success. Near sell-out crowds were offered a performance worthy of the West End, which was delivered with the highest level of professionalism and aplomb by some of the finest performers BBEC has to offer.

We are already looking forward to next years production.



WILDCATS



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL





The Under 12-Girls' football team were delighted to be crowned the Bradford Council 5v5 champions. The tournament was held at Marley stadium and the girls were a credit to the school.



This year's Bradford Literature Festival Schools Programme invited our Year 9 students to a poetry writing event on Thursday 5th July. The group listened to professional poets before writing their own and performing them on the Alhambra Theatre's iconic stage. Our students were a credit to our school and staff were amazed at our students' creativity and confidence at performing in front of a large crowd. A good day had by all!

The Art, Design and Technology Department were delighted to welcome students, parents and staff to join us in a celebration of success. We were very proud to present an exhibition of GCSE and A Level coursework which showcased the exceptional achievement and dedication of BBEC students this year.

The standard of Fine Art, Photography, Art Textiles and Design & Technology on display was truly excellent and we hope students have cause to celebrate on results day. Good luck everyone!





After completing a successful project celebrating the poetry of Emily Bronte, a small group of students were invited back to the Bronte Parsonage in Haworth to read their own poems in a poetry slam semi-final! The three students who performed presented incredibly powerful poems, making the audience laugh, cry and think.

Finally, Jacob (Year 9) was chosen for the Performance prize. Well done to all three poets and well done Jacob!



Winning poem by Jacob (Year 9)

IF I WAS.....

If I was Head teacher, Prime Minister or even King
I would change many not just one thing.
I would let monkeys loose and make them CPO's
I would let people walk in bare feet, get out your toes
I would change loads.
If I was Royal family, President of States or even Superman!
I would let mice catch humans isn't it the same thing?
I would let trees go 'ping'
I would make people greet and sing.
If I was a Duke, Prince or Baron of Bridlington
I would report prisoners gone!
I would make conversations a song.
I would make a feather weigh a tonne.
If I was King I would change more than one thing!





END OF YEAR SHOW!



It has been a great opportunity for A Level Textiles students to work with Bradford College this year.

After an inspiring visit from the BA(Hons) Fashion course leader earlier in the year, students attended a workshop at the School of Art where they got to take part in a range of practical and design-based activities as well as meeting current students on the course.

BBEC students were "Moulage" pro's by the end of the session! The photographs below shows some of the impressive outcomes that our students created, in just one hour! The skills learnt have been put into practice as students work on their coursework back in school and the information about opportunities for further study and potential careers will be really useful as students start to make important decisions about their future.

It was great to be invited back to the School of Art to attend their end of year show in June. The fashion show was really impressive and it was a fantastic opportunity to view the final collections and see the progress made since our visit earlier in the year. Students were blown away by the quality of the garments and the hard work that had clearly been put in by these talented designers; they came back to school feeling inspired and ready to tackle their own projects head on!

Thank you so much to the staff and students on the BA (Hons) course for this experience!



— ROCK — CHALLENGE



Following on from the success of performing at Magna in Rotherham, the BBEC Rock Challenge group were invited as one of the premier league schools to compete in this year's premier final in Grimsby. The students showcased their piece entitled "Wild Fire".

The group put on an amazing performance and dazzled the audience. This is an amazing achievement and the students were a fantastic representation of our school.

'Rock Challenge' is part of the 'BE YOUR BEST FOUNDATION' which aims to encourage young people to lead healthy lifestyles and to be their best without the need for tobacco, alcohol or other drugs.

It aims to contribute to improving the quality of life for all society by encouraging young people to take an active role in building safe and healthy communities.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents involved in the event. It has been a fantastic effort by all.





'The play's the thing...'

Over 140 students across Years 7 and 8 were given the fantastic opportunity to visit York and the temporary reconstruction of Shakespeare's famous Rose Theatre. This amazing structure is only in situ over the summer months of 2018, then there is talk of it touring the UK and Europe. Not only did our students have the chance to watch Shakespeare plays being performed in the authentic way they would have been staged over 400 years ago, but conveniently, the plays in fact were 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Romeo and Juliet' - both famous works that the students have been studying in their English lessons this year.

The performances were absolutely captivating, with singing, dancing and even aerial acrobatics with one student commenting that they 'never thought Shakespeare could be so interesting and lively!' Whilst we may not be able to visit The Rose again in the future (as it will have vanished), we hope to continue a well established BBEC tradition of taking our students out to see more live theatre next year.

UCAS

At the heart of connecting people to higher education

Year 12 are busy completing their university applications following our annual trip to the UCAS fair at Leeds Beckett University in June. This gave them the opportunity to explore their options for the future.

The students spoke to representatives from a wide range of universities across the length and breadth of the UK. With the changing landscape of Higher Education options, this was a chance to find out about the diverse range of study options at degree level including apprenticeships and supported degrees.

With an increasing number of our students choosing to study at Russell group universities the students asked many pertinent questions about the university experience.

Year 12 student Chaya found the afternoon very informative

"I thought I wanted to go to one particular University from looking at the information on the UCAS website but talking to the advisors I understood more about the content of the courses and have changed my mind. It really helped to clarify my choices."



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

OPEN DAY

On the 5th of July five Year 12 students travelled to the University of Cambridge to participate in the open day at Queen's College.

This was just one of a number of events made possible through our working partnership with the school Liaison Officer Verity Mitchell.

The students were keen to find out about the range of courses on offer at this prestigious university and to investigate some of their preconceptions about studying at Cambridge.

Connor who is intending to study Engineering said:

"It was really interesting to attend a lecture by one of the professors who would be teaching on the course."

This event built upon the enhancement activities the Year 12 students have had from Bradford students who have attended Cambridge and Oxford universities to show them that students from BBEC can achieve at the highest level. We eagerly await the Year 13 results for one particular student who currently has an offer of a place at Oxford to study Physics.

UCAS

Find out more on ucas.com





Fifteen of our Year 12 A-level Biology group took part in a three-day fieldwork residential staying at Whitby Youth Hostel and completing a range of coastal ecology projects. They thoroughly enjoyed the hot weather and also had time to visit the Scarborough Sea Life Centre, studying the conservation projects and enjoying an evening out with fish and chips!

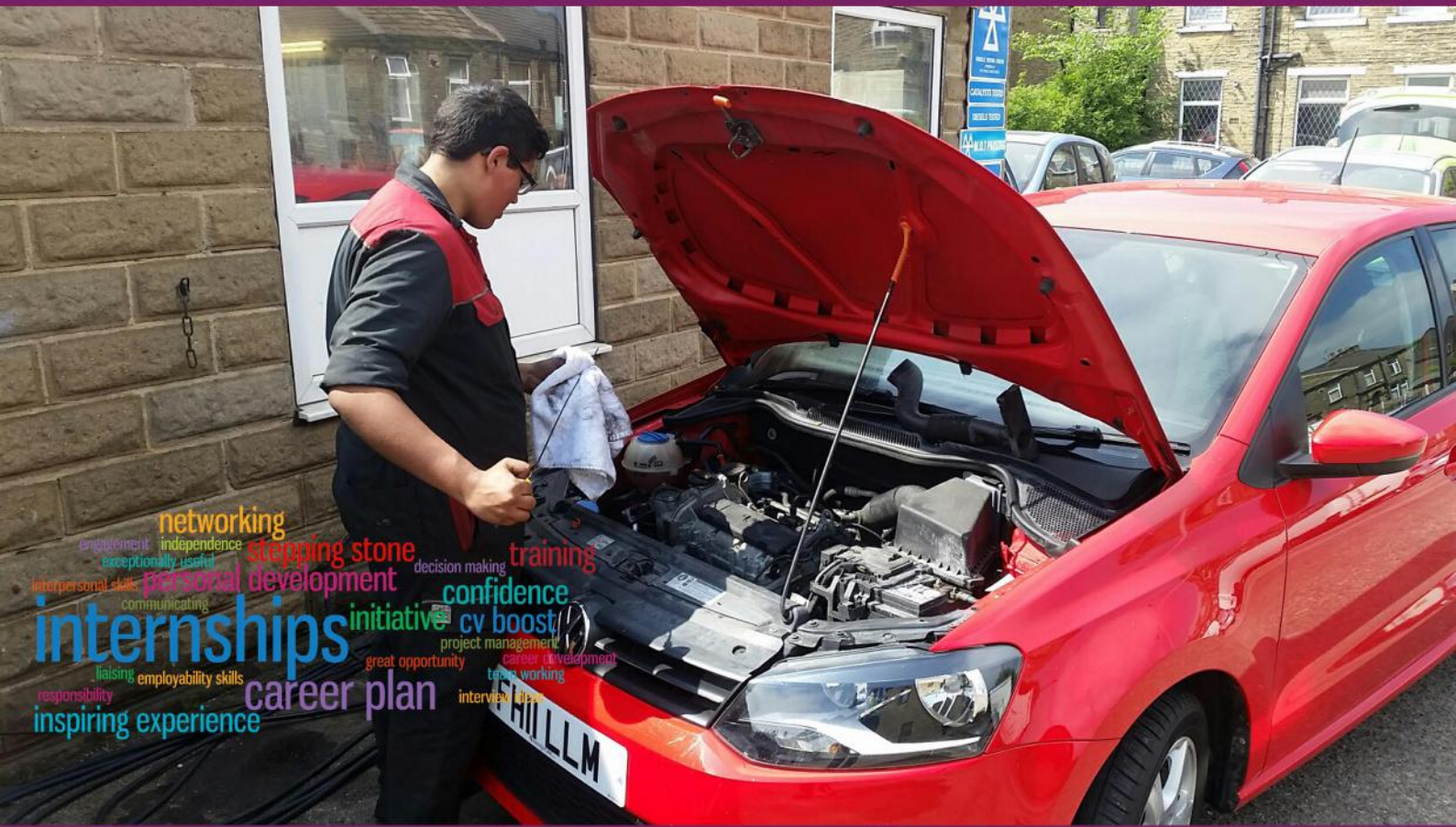


This month, the Year 7 students explored their plans for the future on a visit to Bradford College. Spending the day at the college as part of the MY BC project, the Year 7 students worked alongside their peers from the other BDAT schools to gain an insight into career sectors and learning pathways. With a theme of "Broadening Horizons and Employability" they participated in workshops focusing on a diverse range of career options including working within Health, Engineering and Law. The students were also given a guided tour of the fantastic facilities at the college, which include a dental studio and Performing Arts spaces. This successful venture was made possible by the collaboration of Bradford College and BDAT staff, and was supported by the Broadway Shopping Centre. With over a thousand students taking part over the two days it is hoped that this experience can become an annual event.

WORK

EXPERIENCE

TEAM WORKING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATING DECISION MAKING
LIAISING
TRAINING
CV BOOST
CONFIDENCE
INSPIRING EXPERIENCE INTERVIEW IDEAS RESPONSIBILITY



This year saw the reintroduction of Work Experience for Year 10 students as a vital part of their preparation for working life. Over a hundred students were placed at companies across Bradford and also as far as Wakefield and Leeds. From the wardrobe department at the Alhambra Theatre to sheet metal fabrication the range of experiences was varied and challenging. Mr Ryan established some great partnerships with Leeds College of Building and Gleeds through teaching the DEC qualification that allowed 15 students to explore working within the construction sector.

The students received some excellent feedback from the employers and were a real credit to BBEC. The Careers team would like to thank all the companies and staff involved in making this year's Work Experience placements a success and we look forward to placing even more students next year.