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VALUES

SKILLS

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Tour de Yorkshire



Bradford Council and the Tour de Yorkshire planning team invited us to collaborate on a mini project for the Tour de Yorkshire at the beginning of May.

Students from our STEM and Art and Design academies decorated large, yellow 'Haworth' letters that were placed in Haworth on race day and were seen on national television.

This is a precursor for the main project for the World Championship Women's Cycling event in September. When they begin the project for the September race, our academy students will be involved in the project management of the event as well as engineering and creating artwork for the route. They will gain a practical insight into project management and will be involved on race day with the management team.

Year 11

PROM



Year 11 Prom - Cedar Court Hotel - 5th July

Friday the 5th July saw BBEC celebrate the success of 120 Year 11 students at their Year 11 Prom.

Students invited to Prom maintained the highest of standards in their attendance and behaviour throughout the academic year. From the lavish arrivals in various cars and drinks reception to the photo booth, formal photographer, buffet and DJ, there was a wonderful atmosphere and the students (as you can see from the photos) were in high spirits.

The evening was a fantastic opportunity for staff to congratulate the students for a year's hard work and give them the send off, after five years here at BBEC, they richly deserved.

Mr Ingham



bormio





BORMIO SKI TRIP 2019

This February half term BBEC embarked on a week long skiing trip to the Italian ski resort of Bormio in Italy. Students stayed at Hotel Nazionale situated in the beautiful Lombardy region of the country. Once students had survived the overnight coach ride, we had the chance to explore the town for the first time. Skiing then began the next day.

Before we travelled to Italy students had the opportunity to develop their skiing skills by completing practice lessons at Halifax dry ski slope and Snow Zone in Castleford. These lessons clearly helped as many moved up from the practice slopes to Bormio 2000m by the first afternoon.

In the following days students progressed from the practice slopes to the button lift and then, once they had become advanced enough, were allowed to take the chair lift up to Bormio 2500m. Many students also went skiing during lunchtimes throughout the week where they had access to many other slopes such as the fun slope which had small jumps and banks to ski over. Over the next few days of skiing the students skied all over the mountain down the many blue and red slopes - it was so much fun! On the final day of skiing some of us were lucky enough to ski down from Bormio 3000m, the view from up there was incredible.

In the evenings we were taken to a party in the centre of Bormio which had a live DJ and disco, it was brilliant! I also enjoyed taking part in the Mario Kart competition despite not getting very far. The eventual winner was Heath after a very tense finish. We also loved using the pool inside the hotel enjoying many fun games in there.

Before the long trip home we had the chance to go out and buy any last minute gifts and souvenirs. We then departed Bormio at 9.00pm after saying our last goodbyes to the snowcapped Alps.

I personally loved skiing down from Bormio 3000m on the final day as it was a surreal experience and one I will never forget. The funniest part of the trip was probably hearing the instructor shouting my friend Dylan's name every time he went too fast. We all really loved the trip and many really want to go again next year and I advise anyone thinking about going to do it!!



South Africa

B B E C O N T O U R

Day 1 - An overnight flight to Durban and we arrived in Kwazulu-Natal! The initial concerns of taking a group through South African immigration fortunately came to nought. Cases were collected and we met Canaan, our guide for the week. The good news was that at 6am in the morning our rooms were ready and we could go straight to our hotel. Although tired, the lack of jetlag really helped; we headed early for a tour of Durban, followed by a refreshing and exhilarating experience in uShaka Marine World, wow! We had a leisurely afternoon - a brief rest and then an opportunity to spend those Rands burning a hole in our students' pockets at the huge and very convenient Gateway Theatre of Shopping.

Day 2 - We waved goodbye to our Holiday Inn hotel and Durban, heading up the coast to St Lucia. We made such good time that a bonus stop at iSimangaliso Beach afforded us a paddle in the beautiful breakers of the Indian Ocean. Our cruise along the St Lucia showed us an amazing array of wildlife - three pods of hippopotamus, Nile crocodiles and a majestic African fish eagle. Then it was time for a glorious dip in our hotel pool and sumptuous three-course meal.





Day 3 - We were on our way again, en route to a new country in two ways as it was once known as Swaziland, but became eSwatini in April 2018. Prior to our border crossing there was a wonderful opportunity to get close to four cats - cheetahs, caracals, servals and African wildcats at the Emdoneni Project. Canaan, our guide, informed us of the vagaries of the Kingdom of King Mswati III, and we visited the Swazi candle making factory and then on to our first experience of lodge accommodation at Mantenga. Once again, we would not be disappointed.

Day 4 - Breakfast with stunning views before we were on the road again. Passing the capital Mbabane we were immersed in the culture of the Matsamo people with traditional music and dancing in an authentic cultural environment. The Kruger National Park had been very highly anticipated; it certainly did not disappoint! Entering via the Malelane Gate we began a truly extraordinary safari, encountering rhinoceros, giraffes, elephants and so much more first hand. Hazyview provided our last two nights' stay in South Africa, a wonderful supper, of course, before an early night, ready for Game Drive II.

Day 5 - 5am wake up calls! This time entering via the Phabeni Gate - our 4x4 moved off quickly, it was clear something had been spotted... 10 minutes into our game drive we were rewarded royally for our early start; a magnificent lioness and cub not more than 30 metres away. We sat and observed in reverent silence - what an unforgettable experience it was to see the King of the jungle striding majestically alongside our jeep. The morning already was complete, with further wondrous sights of zebra, impala, buffalo and hyenas along with a magnificent Martial eagle and a tree of full of vultures.

The afternoon unbelievably matched the morning; this time we substituted magnificent wildlife for incredible landscape. The panorama drive took in the rather misty 'God's Window', before visiting the truly breath-taking Blyde River canyon with its magnificent Three Rondavels and the sumptuous Bourke's Luck Potholes. Our last evening allowed some relaxation in the pool and a barbecue.

Day 6 - We started our journey home, heading for Johannesburg airport, absorbing the most amazing week in truly incredible countries, a stop on the N4 services only served to remind us of what we would be missing - Alzu Petroport has a pasture filled with rhinos, ostrich, zebras and various types of antelopes. We left South Africa and Eswatini knowing this truly had been a trip of a lifetime.



CONDOVER HALL



In April, our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to go and stay at Condover Hall, an Outward Bound centre based in a thirteenth century stately home in Shropshire. 160 students attended the three day residential and despite the April snow and sub-zero temperatures, they had a great time, taking part in activities such as buggy building, trapeze, laser tag, high climb and survival skills.

Although it was sometimes nerve wracking to watch the students scaling great heights and thundering down hills on home-made buggies, they showed bravery, perseverance and tenacity and all left feeling proud of themselves.

For some of our students, this was their first time away from home overnight and they really embraced the new experience. Staff were really proud to see the way the students worked well as a team and encouraged each other during the activities and at social times.

We hope that all the Year 8 students who went to Condover Hall will have great memories of their time there and that they learned a little something about themselves along the way.



FRENCH TRIP

On Monday 8 April, a group of around 50 Year 7 students travelled to France by coach on a day trip. They visited a "boulangerie" in the town of Boulogne, and took part in a croissant and bread-making workshop.



**HORIZONS
WEEK**



For those Year 7 students who didn't relish the thought of a long day trip to France or London, we held some more local trips to Manchester United (which Mr Dowd grudgingly led as a City fan), and a step back in time to the Beamish Museum.



Other activities for Year 7 included a trip to London, where they had a packed itinerary which included visits to the Imperial War Museum and the Natural History Museum.



**HORIZONS
WEEK**

Kingswood Residential

Mrs Tolan and Mr Bentley took ten of our students who work in our Learning Development Centre to Peak Venture at Kingswood, where they were given the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor experience. The group went abseiling, canoeing, raft building, puzzle solving and took part in other team building activities.

A great week was had by all; friendships were formed, fears were conquered and wonderful memories were created.



Go Ape!

LIVE LIFE
ADVENTUROUSLY



On Monday 1st June, myself and nine other students went to a place called Go Ape! in Temple Newsam. It was the most interesting thing I have ever done in my life. For me to be able to go I did a lot of reading, over 100,000 words! I am very thankful that I was able to go.

The first thing we needed to do was to put on a harness. On your harness is something called the trolley (which keeps you safe up high) and that is a big metal thing (it also looks like two trolley wheels stuck together). The instructor clips the trolley to the wire, this is attached to your harness and keeps you safe so that you can enjoy the obstacles. Then we did the funniest obstacle course ever and to make it more exciting we also got to do a climbing wall. My favourite thing about the course was the awesome zip wire, it was so high up and to be honest I actually got over my fear of heights which to me was impressive. But the best part out of everything was spending time with my friends. Some of them even managed to get an ice cream.

Kody - Year 7





BILL KENWRIGHT
PRESENTS

WILLY RUSSELL'S **BLOOD** *Brothers*

**'Did you ever hear the story of the Johnstone twins,
As like each other as two new pins,
How one was kept and one given away,
How they were born, and they died, on the selfsame day?'**



Year 11 students attended a matinee performance of Willy Russell's tragic musical 'Blood Brothers' at The Lowry theatre in Salford.

The text is studied as part of their GCSE English literature and is worth 20% of the overall grade. Seeing it in performance is hugely beneficial as students are able to see how stagecraft and atmosphere affect the portrayal of themes in the play. Aside from this, it is also a fantastic show and gave students a well-earned break from all of the exam preparations that have been happening in school.

A great afternoon was had by all and, as is always the case, our students were a credit to BBEC!



the light

cinema experience



Recently Comic Book Club went to go see the amazing Avengers Endgame at The Light cinema in town. The film is one of the greatest ever in the MCU, which shouldn't be surprising considering it was the longest film Marvel has made yet. On the day of the trip all the students going ate pizza, got changed into their own clothes and headed down to the bus stop just outside of school. The bus arrived at four and we headed down to The Light Cinema in town. Before we went in we bought some snacks just outside the Broadway, then strolled into the cinema and got to screen two.

The Light Cinema is smaller than others, like Cineworld or the IMAX. However the viewing experience was better than other cinemas I've been to, or it might have been the film itself that made it so amazing. After watching the greatest film of all time we caught bus at the interchange and went back to school.

In Comic Book Club at the moment we are looking at some Japanese animations by Studio Ghibli, such as My Neighbour Totoro.

Every session Mr. McKenny gets his collection of comics out for members of the club to read. Sometimes we watch some of the latest film trailers, like Spider-Man: Far from Home.

Comic Book Club takes place on a Tuesday after school and runs until 4:15pm.

- Danial



Thank you to staff and students who took part in the 2019 'Great BBEC Bake Off'.

The standard in this year's competition was extremely high and an array of fabulous cakes and buns were entered. Head boy Bradley and Head girl Aimie had an extremely tough task judging the competition and after much deliberation the winners were chosen!

Congratulations to Miss White (1st), Mr Mazacs (2nd) and Mrs Tolan (3rd).

Students donated throughout the day and wore red accessories and Red Nose Day merchandise in support of the fantastic cause.



HIGHER SESSIONS

The Higher Tour took place on 27 March with Year 7. There was a full year assembly explaining the importance of self-belief and determination. The year group then split into two groups and engaged in some musical activities around building confidence. The Higher Tour is a Christian charity that engages with young people across the country to develop self-belief and confidence.



ACADEMIES LAUNCH

On 12 April we welcomed our new academy members into our five academies: Sport, Performing Arts, Art and Design, STEM and Enterprise.

Our academies provide students with opportunities to pursue their passions for these different areas of the curriculum and further develop and refine their aptitudes and skills. Students are only able to join the academies following an interview with their academy leader and the academy launch evening is a celebration of their talent in those areas.

This year we had a very special guest speaker at the launch evening - Darren Tetley!



SCIENCE Competition



Eight of our students attended the BDAT science event at Immanuel College on 2 May.

The students in Key Stage 3 were set the challenges of designing a working light using wires and fruit with the goal of creating a light that would remain the brightest for the longest time. They also had a culinary task of cooking an egg using a tea light and different insulating materials. Luckily, they didn't have to eat it afterwards!

The Key Stage 4 challenge was to devise a method of raising an Oxo cube from a container of water and to keep it as high as possible.

We didn't manage to retain the Key Stage 3 trophy this year, but all the students had a great time.



Salters' Institute



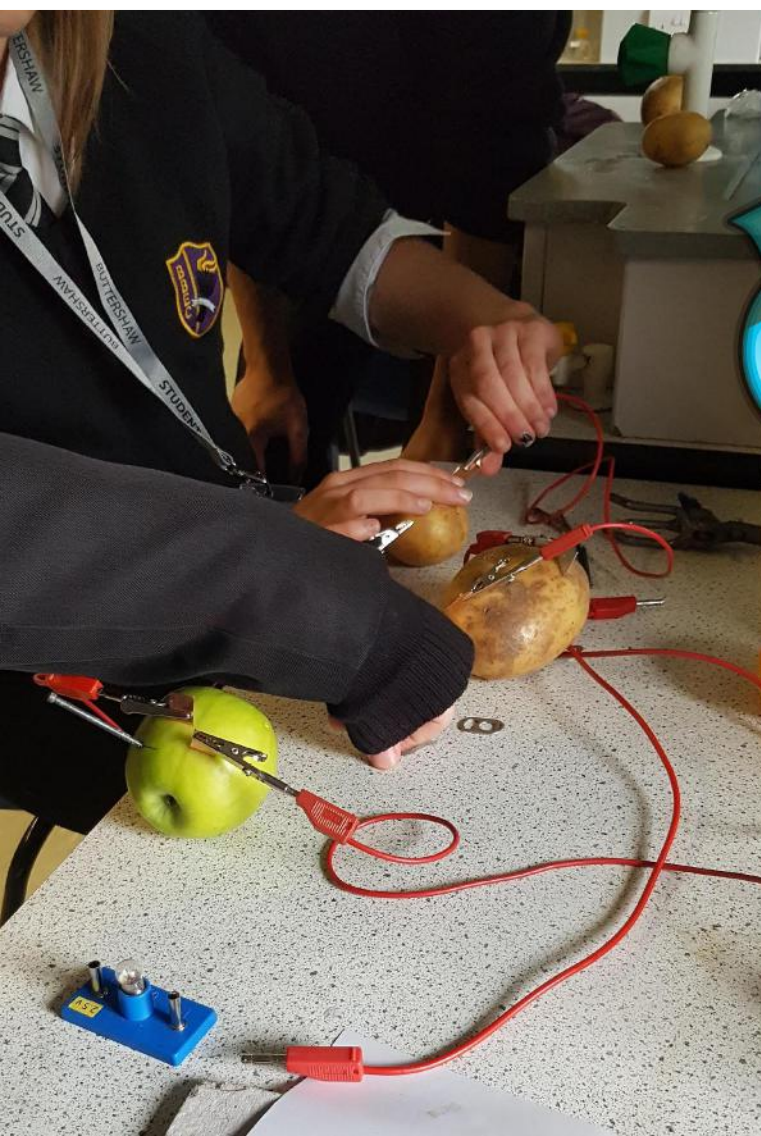
UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD

On 15 May, four of our students represented the school at the Salters' Chemistry competition at the University of Bradford.

The students were given a range of chemistry based challenges to complete which tested their forensic detective skills.

Using chromatography and solvents, they had to analyse evidence to identify a pen used by a potential criminal.

They also used their knowledge of chemistry to identify unknown white powders that had been mixed up and had to create an orange dye using acids, alkalies, indicators and glassware. In addition to this, the students had to ensure that all their measurements were so precise that if they were to make it three times, it would be exactly the same colour.



ROCK CHALLENGE 2019



Following on from last year's success, the BBEC Rock Challenge group was invited as one of the premier league schools to compete in this year's premier final in Grimsby. The students showcased their piece entitled "300".

The group put on an amazing performance and dazzled the audience. BBEC placed 4th overall which is an amazing achievement and the students were fantastic representatives 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 members of 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.



JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

The Performing Arts department were very proud to host this year's main school production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

The classic musical took place over three nights and was a phenomenal success. Our feeder primary schools were also invited to a special matinee performance.

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.





Bradford College



A group of 40 students went to Bradford College and took part in seminars across various subjects. The students enjoyed the day learning about different courses and apprenticeship opportunities and took part in pharmacy workshops, health and social lectures, construction meetings and in one digital workshop they were able to programme and download their data into a robot, which caused a lot of creative energy and excitement. After a tour of the campus, students were looking forward to the many opportunities that Bradford College can offer and had their eyes opened to a much wider programme of studies.

Once again, our students took part in the national maths competition on Tuesday 30 April. 160 students from years 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT junior competition where students sit a multiple choice question paper which is designed to stimulate interest in mathematics and give students from across the country an opportunity to win certificates.



BOXING™



Two of our Year 9 students came away from a boxing tournament in Denmark with flying colours in March.



Troy and Luca are members of the Sedbergh Boxing Club which took part in the Hvidovre Box Cup, which takes place in Copenhagen and the club brought home a haul of nine medals in total – six golds and three silvers!

The boxing club's impressive performance also earned them an extra award: they were recognised as the "Team of the Tournament" by organisers for the number of medals they picked up.

Troy won two gold medals at the event and Luca put in the performance of the tournament according to the club's coach.

The club provides an outlet for local children to channel their energy and keep them away from other distractions and they have already been invited to several other competitions on the back of their Hvidovre Cup appearance, including a possible trip to Cyprus.



BBEC's girls' football teams have had another successful season with six pieces of silverware.

They started the season with the U16s winning their 5th consecutive unbeaten league title, shortly followed by the U14s winning their fourth title in five seasons and the U13s winning it for a third time. The U13s then went on to win the EFL Cup and went to the regional finals representing Bradford City.

The U16s were back in action with the girls proudly wearing the BBEC shirt for a final time; going out with a bang they smashed the Kirklees College Cup (again unbeaten). As the Lionesses were kick starting their World Cup campaign, BBEC's U14s finished the season with an unbeaten run in the Bradford Schools' Summer Cup.

SPORTS DAY



Monday 1 July and Tuesday 2 July saw BBEC compete in the third BDAT sports spectacular where BBEC went up against the other secondary schools in the BDAT Trust.

Having won each of the first two years' competitions, expectations were high for a hat-trick of victories.

During the first day, students competed in athletics competitions. Despite some excellent performances, and a number of first place finishes, BBEC were in third place at the end of the first day. Immanuel were leading by quite a distance with Bradford Forster only a point in front of BBEC.

On the second day, the schools entered teams for a range of different activities such as boccia, badminton, rounders, football and dance.

The boccia team proved to be fierce competitors, winning the U15 competition, and the girls' U15 football team missed out on top spot only by goal difference. The standout performances of the day went to the dancers in both U13 and U15 categories. These students stole the show with a performance at the presentation ceremony. Unfortunately, all of these great displays took us only to second place, with Immanuel winning the competition with a fabulous all-around team.

The final task was to select a student to receive our BDAT values trophy. This goes to a student from each school who has displayed the BDAT values during the two days. This can be for a number of different things: performance, sporting behaviour, resilience, leadership or any other worthy trait.

Our award went to Lucy Cull, who always shows the leadership, attention to detail and levels of performance to which we would like all of our students to aspire.

Well done to everyone who took part in any of the activities during the two days.