



July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to start by saying thank you once again to all students and staff for their resilience and positivity throughout a very busy yet productive year. A lot has been achieved since September and I am very much looking forward to continuing that journey of improvement next year. It is a privilege to work with such a supportive and dedicated team.

### ***GCSE Exams***

The vast majority of Year 11 students conducted themselves very well during their exams and should be very proud of their efforts. I am sure that these will be rewarded in August, when I hope their achievements will be cause for celebration.

These celebrations already began with The Year 11 prom at Cedar Court Hotel, which was a fabulous occasion, and a great time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Carr and her team for organising such a special event.

### ***Positive Attitude to Learning/ClassCharts***

Please note that, in addition to homework being set on ClassCharts, this will be our electronic method of communication in terms of achievement and behaviour points for students, replacing the current SIMs app for this purpose. If you have not yet logged onto ClassCharts, it is essential that you do so in order to monitor and recognise your child's achievements.

This, however, does not replace the "ARCK Record". **It is still essential that this is brought to school every day**, as students will need this to gain their recognition stamps, and we will be using it to communicate with you.

### ***BBEC Legends Meal***

The BBEC legends event took place for the first time this year on Thursday 11 July at Odsal Stadium. The event was attended by 17 students and their choice of two guests. The evening consisted of speeches and a meal which was enjoyed by all. All students received their BBEC Legends certificates and messages from staff celebrating their successes.

### ***Student Parliament***

Our elections for Student Parliament took place on 4 July, mirroring our national election.

We are delighted to inform you that the Student Parliament Election process was a resounding success. Every pupil participated by casting their votes in designated voting booths, ensuring a fair and democratic process. Once all the ballots have been counted, each candidate will receive a letter notifying them of the outcome of their candidacy. After these letters have been distributed, we will proudly reveal the new Student Parliament during the rewards assembly at the end of the term.

The team has continued its work on inclusion by planning our annual Pride event, which was a huge success.

As we embark on another exciting school year, we are thrilled to share with you a host of enriching events planned for our Student Parliament. Our trips to Cooper House will continue, providing valuable community engagement experiences. Additionally, our students will maintain their pen pal relationships with residents



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at The Flowers Care Home, fostering intergenerational connections. We are also looking forward to the Student Parliament Inauguration at Bradford City Hall, where our young leaders will be formally inducted. Throughout the year, students will participate in the BDAT Wellbeing Conferences and BDAT Student Parliament Conferences, which are excellent opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. Moreover, the Bradford Citizens' Conference will offer a platform for students to engage in civic discussions and contribute to their community. We are confident that these events will significantly enhance our students' educational journey and personal development.

### ***Duke of Edinburgh Award***

This year has seen a large group of our Year 9 students progressing through their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They have all spend the last 6 months completing components of Physical, Skill and volunteering. Their next step is the assessed expedition which will see them spending two days and one night camping at Sconce Scout Hut in Baildon. They have already completed their practice expedition earlier in the year. Duke of Edinburgh is a fantastic opportunity for students to achieve a really worthwhile qualification that reflects our core ARCK values. There are many examples of students doing something for the first time through Duke of Edinburgh that becomes a lifetime passion or interest. Mrs Fisher will soon be launching next year's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and all students in current Year 8 will have the opportunity to take part. We will support students through the every stage and can provide all the necessary equipment.

### ***Employability and Skills Week***

Mr Theakston has again delivered an amazing "World of Work" programme for our Year 10 students. This saw over 200 students going to Bradford College and experiencing a carousel of over 20 work-related courses from Beauty Therapy, Car Mechanics, Computer Games, Cooking and Performance Arts to name just a few. As always the huge majority of students were exemplary and the day helped them make important choices about college and possible career pathways.

More recently, there have been further workshops for approximately 100 students on getting into *virtual work experience* courtesy of the NHS, BBC, and Get into Teaching. The week culminated with a visit to New College Bradford, where students took part in activities which included an 'Apprentice' workshop led by an employee of Sir Alan Sugar! BBEC students have been a credit throughout; engagement was fantastic and behaviour exemplary.

Exciting plans are taking shape for several key events aimed specifically at KS3 students, and I urge you to keep checking the 'careers' section on our school website for updates on these. Students and parents also need to continue using Unifrog and staying connected to careers@BBEC.

### ***Grease***

Our annual musical production of Grease was a fantastic experience for both the cast and the audience. We had a superb cast of students from across the school who have been rehearsing since February, showing dedication and resilience. We had a professional set, professional band and professional performances. Please look out for more performing arts opportunities in the autumn term.

### ***Year 8 Residential***

A large number of our Year 8 students will be taking part in our residential to Newby Wiske, a PGL-activity led centre in North Yorkshire. These three days and two nights promise to be an amazing, action-packed experience that students and staff are really looking forward to, especially the abseiling, assault courses and water sports! This is a fantastic way to end the year. We will, of course, provide details soon of our plans for next year that will be of interest to our current Year 7's.



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## ***Uniform***

I urge parents and carers to take careful note of the **NEW** uniform expectations in preparation for the new school year. When students arrive to school, their uniform will be checked, along with challenging any banned items such as trainers, rings, bracelets, necklaces etc.

The uniform policy can be found on the school website <https://www.buttershaw.net/uniform>

Only plain, **all** black leather footwear is allowed, (no fabric sections anywhere on the shoe). There should be no different coloured soles and staff decision on what is appropriate is final.

Any types of leggings/joggers/jeggings/jeans are not acceptable under any circumstances.

Students who arrive at school with incorrect uniform will be expected to borrow correct uniform and then attend lessons as normal. Refusal of this will be dealt with as defiance and the student will be isolated for the remainder of the day.

Please also be reminded that coats should not be worn in the school building. We have enough lockers for all students and they are all encouraged to use one. Coats and any other non-essential items should be kept in lockers, which can be accessed on the way down to break and lunch only.

## ***Equipment***

All students are expected to come to school with the correct equipment and uniform each and every day. As a reminder the minimum expected equipment is our **SIMPLE 7** which is detailed below:

- 2 x pens
- 2 x pencils
- ruler
- rubber
- Casio scientific calculator (as illustrated)
- ARCK Record
- Bag (large enough to fit A4)



**Every student must have a school bag**, large enough to carry their ARCK Record, books and PE kit when they have PE. This bag should be brought to school every day.

If possible, students should also have a green and purple pen.

All students will be assigned a locker in September, in which any items can be stored safely. Coats and any other items of clothing which are not part of the uniform must be stored in lockers at the beginning of the day.

## ***BBEC PTFA***

We are recruiting for the BBEC PTFA 2024/25. BBEC PTFA stands for Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College 'Parents, Teachers and Friends Association'. The PTFA is a group of volunteers who work together to improve the school experience of our students. The group will support charity events, trips & extra-curricular activities and we actively contribute to curriculum and policies. If you would like to join, please email: [Ptfa@bbec.bdat-academies.org](mailto:Ptfa@bbec.bdat-academies.org)

## *Fond Farewells*

This time of year is often tinged with sadness as we say farewell and thank you to staff who are leaving for pastures new.

**Mr Farrar** has taught Science this year and has taken the decision to transfer his expertise to a primary setting. He quickly formed positive relationships and I'm sure he will be very happy in his new role.

**Miss Greatrex**, as our librarian, created a warm and purposeful environment for students to enhance their learning, whether through reading for pleasure or by completing homework and other tasks. She has decided to enact our value of ambition by returning to study for a Masters Degree.

**Miss Mountain** has chosen a different career path and is joining the police force as an analyst. She has developed significantly as a teacher during her two years at BBEC and their gain is certainly our loss!

**Miss Grugel-Smith** contributed to the Geography department with good humour and attention to detail. In only her third year of teaching, she gained promotion to Assistant Head of Year and through this work ethic contributed significantly to Year 11 students in preparation for their exams. Safe travels Miss!

**Miss Sallis** has also decided to take to the skies and explore Australia, after three successful years with us. Her Maths expertise will be sadly missed, along with her significant contribution to other activities through her active engagement with minimum entitlement and STEM projects.

**Mrs Heywood** started BBEC in 2021 and since then gained promotion to Progress Leader and subsequently Leading Practitioner, promoting reading across the school. She has been successful in gaining a similar position in another local school and I am sure she will make an equally valuable contribution in her new setting.

Congratulations to **Miss Martin** who has gained a well-deserved promotion in a school in Leeds. Her commitment to the English department as Progress Leader this year has been admirable, following four previous years at BBEC, and we send her our best wishes in this new role.

**Mr Akbar** has taught Maths at BBEC since 2020 and has also held leadership roles during his tenure. He has been successful in gaining a Leading Practitioner Post and we wish him well in this significant promotion.

**Mr Mutasa** also started teaching at BBEC in 2020 and is moving to a school in Oldham as Leading Practitioner. He has contributed significantly to the Maths department during this time, and also towards the whole school in his role as Associate Assistant Headteacher. A true academic, he will most certainly play a significant role in raising aspirations at his new school.

**Mr Ravat**, our very popular member of the Science department, will also be leaving BBEC after five years, to take up another position at a school in Huddersfield. His purposeful approach will be missed by many students, as will his good humour and support for colleagues.

**Mr Mayat**, our jovial and popular Progress Leader for History is moving to another local school, to gain further experience in a different context. He began his career at BBEC in 2019 and, since then, has inspired students in History through his own passion for both the subject and the wider character development. He has an exciting future ahead.

**Mrs Kay** is retiring at the end of term, after six years of 'keeping order' in the Science department as Senior Technician. There is no doubt she will be missed by colleagues and we all very much hope she has a long and happy retirement.



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Our Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Miss Arbuckle** is taking up another Assistant Headship position at a school in Leeds after ten years of service at BBEC. There is no doubt that she has strengthened our safeguarding procedures over the last two years in her DSL role and her support for students who need it most has been second to none. Her new school is very lucky to have her!

I would like to say a communal and personal thank you to **Mrs Scott**, following eleven years of dedication and commitment to BBEC. As a teacher, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, she has managed to maintain this passion, always through research and a considered approach to bring out the best in people. We will undoubtedly continue to benefit from her significant knowledge and I am sure parents and carers will join me in thanking her for her huge contribution to the school.

**Mrs Howe** has been a Teaching Assistant at BBEC since 2009. During this time she has had a profound influence on so many students (with almost as many stories to tell!) We are all saddened but understanding of her decision and wish her all the very best.

**Miss Holdsworth** is BBEC through and through. As a former student, she returned as a member of staff in 2001. Her passion for Buttershaw and its community has been very clear, both within the classroom and through her passion for extra-curricular activities, leading such events as Rock Challenge and countless school productions and performances. She is continuing this passion with her already successful dance school, which I'm sure will go from strength to strength.

There is no doubt that **Mrs Zaccardelli** will be missed by students, ex-students, parents and carers. As a dedicated and committed Science teacher, she has held a variety of roles during her twenty six years here, including being Head of Year and, most recently, Progress Leader. We send her our very best wishes in her new role at a school within the Bradford district.

**Mrs Elliot** has been a well-respected teacher of Technology for twenty eight years. Her quiet, consistent approach has undoubtedly had a profound impact on many of our students, both past and present. Her decision to retire at the end of this year is a sad but very well-deserved one. Congratulations Mrs Elliot and thank you.

**Mrs Faragher** has been a popular and dedicated member of the PE team for no fewer than thirty (yes thirty!) years. I cannot thank her enough for her commitment throughout this time and wish her all the very best in her retirement. Mrs Faragher simply "gets on with it" without fuss or any desire for recognition. Well, she really does deserve it!

### *And Welcomes*

I am delighted to welcome our new staff to BBEC in September:

Ms Fozard	Teacher of English
Miss Mahmood	Teacher of Science
Mrs Shah	Teacher of Science
Miss Latif	Pastoral Manager
Mr Ojo	Teaching Assistant
Miss Fatima	Pastoral Manager
Mr Noirit	Teacher of MFL
Mrs Nickolay	Teacher of Performing Arts
Mrs Komal	Teaching Assistant
Mr Gibson	Teacher of Geography
Miss Dipple	Teacher of Maths / PE
Miss Pickering	Teacher of History
Miss White	Teacher of History



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Mrs Mason	DSL / Teacher of Maths
Ms Andrews	Librarian
Ms Iqbal	Teacher of Science
Ms Khatun	Teacher of English
Mr Mohammed	Teacher of Maths
Miss Tabasum	Teacher of Science
Mr Merrett	Teacher of MFL

### ***Movers and Shakers!***

One of the benefits of having such a great staff team, is the potential for career progression and identifying talent to fill essential roles in school when they become vacant.

Mrs Cooper (Assistant Headteacher)	Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education
Miss King (Associate Assistant Headteacher)	Assistant Headteacher – Quality of Education
Miss Graham (Leading Practitioner)	Associate Assistant Headteacher – Quality of Education
Mrs Hillam (Admin/Data Officer)	Assistant Examinations Officer
Miss Ahmed (Teacher of Science/AHoY)	Progress Leader - Science
Mr Ugarte (PE Teacher/AHoY)	Progress Leader - PE
Mr Lovelock (Drama/RE Teacher)	Progress Leader – PSHCE, Diversity and Inclusion
Miss Shah (English Teacher)	Progress Leader - English
Mrs Mellor (RE Teacher/AHoY)	Achievement Leader – PSHCE, Diversity and Inclusion
Mrs Fagan (Pastoral Manager)	Assistant Head of Year

### ***Dates for Diaries***

3 September	Yr7 students in school
4 September	Yr7, Yr10, Yr11 students in school
5 September	All students in school
23 – 25 September	Yr11 Hardwick Hall site visit
26 September	Yr7 Meet the Tutor Evening
3 October	Yr11 Progress Evening & Revision Event
21 – 13 October	Yr9 Goit Stock Waterfield fieldtrip
23 October	Yr8 Progress Evening
24 October	Break up for Half-term
4 November	All year groups return to school

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers, as always, for your continued support and I send my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.



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