



December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been another busy and exciting term for both staff and students.

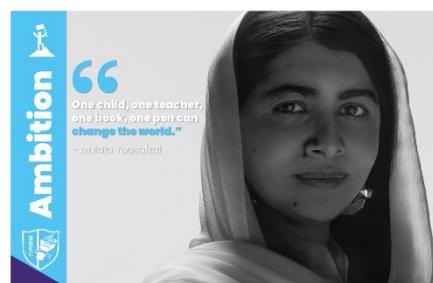
We have continued to improve teaching and learning this term and our 'BBEC reads' strategy for years 7-9 has proved to be very popular with both students and staff. We are focusing on making BBEC a truly inclusive school and have adopted a school motto 'We all belong at BBEC'. These boards are in the atrium to remind us all

We all belong at BBEC



ability culture gender identity
mental health race hobbies personality
gender expression physical health nationality
sexual orientation fertility appearance age
occupation political affiliation language
marital status religion location education class

We have been developing our curriculums to make them more inclusive, assemblies have focused on developing tolerance for others and celebrating similarities as well as our differences. Our displays in school have been updated and now include iconic people from all walks of life and particularly from Yorkshire that represent our values of Ambition, Resilience, Courtesy and Kindness. These are two examples of our displays:



We continue to be very proud of our charity work and we have raised awareness and money for #HelloYellow on World Mental Health day, Macmillan, Children in Need, Show Racism the Red Card and



The Mermaid Trust (during Transgender Awareness week). We supported Save the Children with our very successful Christmas jumper day and are collecting food, toys and toiletries for families in need in our community with The Sandale Trust so that they can have a Happy Christmas too.

There have been a number of trips and visits including students seeing Blood Brothers at the Alhambra and visiting Old Trafford to watch The Super League Rugby Grand Final – I know that sounds wrong! We have voted for prefects and had their inauguration at the fabulous City Hall. We have also appointed a senior leadership team of prefects who are currently working on a project to help to make the roads outside school safer. Our Presentation Evening at Bradford cathedral was very impressive, it was fantastic to see so many parents there. We finish the term with Cinderella, BBEC's vibrant pantomime and lots of students taking part in our reward activities for showing our school values brilliantly. There is too long a list of events to mention here and I highly recommend that you read our BBEC buzz on the school website [Home Page - Buttershaw](#) to get a fuller flavour of all the events that have been happening.

On a practical note:

Snow: As we approach our winter months and the possibility of adverse weather, please be assured that I will endeavour to keep the school open where possible. If we do experience adverse weather keep checking our website www.buttershaw.net. We will text parents if we have to close and this information will also be posted on Bradford Schools Online <https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx> and on local radio stations.

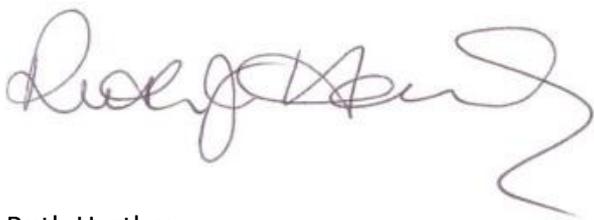
End of term: School will be closing on **Friday December 17th at 12.30pm**. If you would like your child to remain in school beyond this time, please let us know. Students are able to get a grab and go bag of food before they leave.

Start of term in January: School will open for students starting Tuesday January 4th. Following government guidance, we have been asked to provide LFT tests to those students who have given consent and the government has recommended a staggered start to the term to allow this to happen. We will write to you later today with all the details. I apologise in advance that the arrangements are very complicated.

Masks: We expect that masks will continue to be worn next term. Please ensure your child brings one with them each day with a spare one in their bags.

And finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, we hope that you have a happy and relaxing holiday and manage to spend precious time with your family and friends. We all send you our good wishes for a peaceful and safe New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Hartley

Head of School



Some reminders for the start of the new term:

Most of our students are fully prepared for school and learning, however we have a small number of students that are not. We will be focussing on improving the following so that all our students meet the high standards expected of them and ask for your support in doing so.

Equipment: All students should come to school each day with pens, pencils, ruler, scientific calculator and reading book in a suitable A4 sized bag.

Uniform: The full BBEC uniform is on the website and is listed in the school planner. Students should wear the full uniform each day for school. A reminder that tight trousers and training shoes are not part of the uniform.

Piercings: Students are only allowed to wear one small plain stud per ear. Students who have their nose pierced must either remove the piercing or wear a plastic keeper; any other piercings should be removed.

Nails: should be short. Parents will be contacted if nails are too long. Staff decision on this is final.

Eyelashes: False eyelashes should not be worn to school. Students who do so will be asked to remove them and parents contacted.

