



September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break, whether at home or further afield.

Now that we have completed a week of the new term and academic year, and my first as headteacher here at BBEC, it has been a great privilege seeing the students return to school and, of course, welcoming our new Year 7 students who have settled in very well.

It is a pleasure to be part of such a caring and thriving community, and I would like to thank all the staff and students for making me feel so welcome. I have witnessed the 'buzz' of learning throughout the school which has, for the most part, been calm and purposeful. I am sure this will continue as we settle into the Autumn term.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff to BBEC and I very much hope that they enjoy all we have to offer:

- Miss Ahsan – Maths Progress Leader
- Ms Anwar – Maths Tutor
- Mrs Atkins – Teacher of MFL
- Miss Binks – Receptionist
- Miss Davison – Teacher of Maths
- Mr Harrison – Teacher of English
- Mr Horsfall – Head of Music and Performing Arts
- Miss Hunt – Teacher of Religious Studies
- Mr Hussain – Maths Tutor
- Mr Hussain – Maths Progress Leader
- Mr Javed – Teacher of Food and Nutrition
- Ms Khatun – English Tutor
- Mr Lovelock – Teacher of Performing Arts and PHSC
- Mrs McDonald – Teacher of Maths
- Mr Nasir – Teacher of Science
- Miss Qureshi – Teacher of Science
- Mrs Ryan - Teacher of Music
- Ms Saeed – Teaching Assistant
- Mr Sharma-Pay – Teacher of Art/Photography
- Ms Speed – Head of Humanities



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GCSE Results

Past Year 11 students received their well-deserved and long-awaited exam results on 25th August. Despite their GCSE courses being disrupted over the past two years, there were some fantastic achievements by many individuals who have gained the qualifications they needed to go on to the next stage of their education. Congratulations to all those students who made so much progress over their years at BBEC and to those who excelled in achieving the top grades of 8s and 9s.

We are intending to celebrate in person at our usual Presentation and Awards Evening on 10 November 2022.

I also need to reiterate my thanks to all the staff involved, especially Miss Fletcher, Mrs Thornton and Mr Humphreys who worked tirelessly during the summer in preparation for results day.

Uniform

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have ensured that their child has arrived in perfect uniform since the start of the year. We expect all students to uphold our high standards of dress every day, which includes a jumper, shirt, tie and blazer with plain black school trousers. Plain black leather footwear is acceptable, and no coloured logos or soles are allowed.

Please contact us on admin@buttershaw.net if you have any financial difficulties buying uniform and we will see how we can support you. **Students will be expected to borrow uniform and shoes if they arrive at school incorrectly dressed.**

Our rules on jewellery have been re-iterated to students repeatedly via assemblies and form time discussions. Jewellery should be limited to a watch and plain, small ear studs. Bracelets, rings, necklaces, bars, hoops, lips or eyebrow piercings are not allowed as they pose a health and safety risk if they get caught on anything. Nails should be of a short length and hair colour must be natural. Please ensure that your child does not come to school breaking these rules as jewellery will be confiscated for a period of time if it is worn in school.

Attendance

If students attend BBEC 80% of the time, they are missing a whole school year of secondary education or one day every week. Every student should be aiming for 100% and no less than 97%. We know that students who attend well are academically stronger but also have better mental health. If you are struggling as a parent financially, emotionally or just because being the parent of a teen is not easy, get in touch. Many of you will know Mrs Hoddy from her previous role but this year we are very lucky that she is now working in our attendance team.

Michelle Hoddy Family Liaison and attendance michelle.hoddy@bbec.bdat-academies.org

The importance of regular attendance cannot be underestimated and this has been proven in this year's GCSE results, with students attending school more than 95% of the time achieving, on average, over two grades better in terms of progress than those who attended less than 80%. Anything below 90% is classed as persistent absenteeism and the government says that this is a serious concern and school should pass this to Bradford Council.



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If a child misses just one day per month, this equates to:

- 10 days per year
- 95% attendance for that year
- 60 lessons!

This cannot be caught up!

We reward students who attend well and who improve their attendance, but more importantly they are also rewarded with the grades they are capable of.

Enrichment Activities/Clubs

Ms Holdsworth (Essential Life Skills Coordinator) has now shared with all tutors the sign-up sheets for enrichment activities. Please encourage your child to take part and try something new with Boxing, Learn to Swim and Indoor Climbing new to the activities.

The residential for Year 8 and Year 9 are progressing well and please continue to make payments through ParentPay. We are also looking for even more students to join the residential - it is not too late so please email Ms Holdsworth or contact reception if you are interested.

Year 10 Work Experience has been launched to students and there is a Parent Information Evening on 29th September from 5.30pm. Please contact Mr Grant if you need more information in the meantime.

The Awards Presentation Evening at Bradford Cathedral will take place on the 10th November 2022. Parental letters for those students nominated for prizes and awards will be sent out very soon. Please contact Mr Ryan for further details.

Over the next three weeks, students will be learning all about democracy and what a privilege it is to have the power to vote and have your say. At BBEC, over seventy prefects make up our Student Parliament which consists of three departments: Diversity and Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing and the Community. Students apply to become a prefect and have their names placed on the ballot paper. On 6th October, all years will go to the ballot box and vote for which applicants they would like to represent them in the Student Parliament. Once elected, students will be inaugurated at Bradford City Hall on the 2nd November.

Year 7 Clubs

We have a fantastic range of exciting and challenging extra-curricular activities for Year 7 that run both before and after school every day here at BBEC. Every club is completely free of charge and delivered by professionally qualified staff. If you would like to view the timetable for this term, please refer to the school website. Every student can choose up to two activities each week up until the Christmas holidays. A text will be sent home to all who have successfully gained a place on each club. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

SENDCo

Whilst Miss Henshall remains absent from school, all SEND queries and concerns should be emailed to SEND@bbec.bdat-academies.org.

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We understand that the ever-increasing cost of living may be a real worry for some families. There are services in the community that can support with food and uniform.

Sandale Trust offers a range of activities and support for the community 01274 270170
St Paul's Church Foodbank is open every Tuesday (11am-12.30pm) and Wednesday (10.45am-12.30pm). Please call 01274 731909 regarding referrals to this service.

If you require specific support in this area, please do not hesitate to contact school reception who will direct to the most appropriate member of the welfare team for signposting and/or support.

Dates for diaries half-term one

Mon 19 September	<u>School closed for Queen's funeral</u>
Thur 22 September	<u>School closes early at 2pm for Open Evening</u>
Wed 28 September	Yr7 Meet the tutor evening
Wed 29 September	Yr8 HPV immunisations
Thur 29 September 5.30pm	Yr10 Parents Evening for Work Experience
Thur 6 October 2022	Yr11 Mock Exam Launch Evening
Thur 13 & Friday 14 October	Yr11 Art Practical Exam
Mon 17 October – Thur 20 Oct	Yr11 MFL Speaking tests
Fri 21 October	School closed for training day
Mon 31 October	School open for all students

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Taylor
Headteacher

