

Newsletter

Spring 2



Message from the Headteachers

We hope you enjoy looking at some of the photos of what our students have been up to this term. They have been busy learning and having new experiences. It has been great to see students at Ringinglow and Gleadless taking part in our STEM Day earlier this month. All students completed different activities such as tallest tower construction with spaghetti and marshmallows, stop motion films, they built dens, made periscopes and gliders as well as having a talk about being an engineer. They all had a great day. We have also had careers interactions and Post 16 Work Experience, giving our students a real feel for what opportunities they have in our local community. Students have really enjoyed these experiences and have been learning very important life skills.

Some of our older students are getting ready to hand in coursework that they have worked hard towards and are busy working towards completing various qualifications. We are really proud of the Westfield hub students who have completed their mock exams this term. Everyone is really working hard, and we are very proud of all our student's achievements.

There are lots of opportunities for our students to look forward to next term. We begin our transition visits to Gleadless for the majority of our Y9 students who will be based there in September. We will also start to welcome our new Y7's to Ringinglow as part of their transition. There will be continued careers interactions, Parent/Carer coffee time (it has been lovely to see so many parents attend our coffee mornings throughout this term) and of course lots of Forest School at Ringinglow and hopefully allotment time at Gleadless.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents/Carers and families for their continued support of the school for specialist days such as World Book Day and Comic Relief.

We all wish you a wonderful Easter Break, we look forward to seeing all the students when they return to school on Monday 17 April.

Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

My Ed App

At Bents Green School we use the **My Ed app** to communicate with Parents/Carers. It is

- easy to download
- all messages from school can come to you via the app
- You can reply free of charge



You can download it from your app store. Find out more at www.myedschoolapp.com

Communications

If any of your contact details have changed you can let us know by calling

0114 2363545 (Ringinglow)

0114 2357028 (Gleadless)

0114 2479374 (Westfield Hub)

World Book Day

Staff and students had lots of fun dressing up, reading and listening to stories for this year's World Book Day.

Classes 7AP, 7LG, P4LD, 10LF, 11CB and Post 16 RT all won a prize of a new book for the class to read or listen to, for being the groups with the best costumes and displays.

Thank you to everyone involved!



News from 7AP

7AP have been learning about the Black Death in History. We have looked at symptoms of the plague and did a practical investigation in to exploding buboes!



News from 8JC

Students from 8JC enjoyed building bridges, vehicles and buildings as part of STEM day this half term. It was lovely to see their creativity and ideas.



News from 9VA

9VA enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and creating a display showcasing each of their favourite things to read, from policies and procedures to The story of the Titanic, Flat Stanley to Harry Potter.



Students in 9VA also thoroughly enjoyed STEM day and chose from activities including spaghetti structures, things that fly and amazing animations. The class were interested to learn about all the jobs that are STEM based, and many have exciting ambitions to be animators and game designers.



News from P4AT

For World Book Day P4AT did 'The Day the Crayons quit', staff dressed as different coloured crayons and students also had a go at making and wearing our homemade crayon hats! Some students wore their own clothes and costumes and they looked fantastic. We had a wonderful day

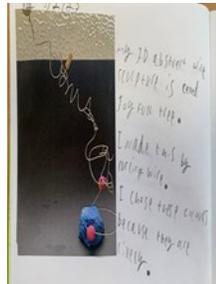


10FM News

10FM braved the icy weather on March 6th to visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. This trip was chosen to support their classwork on 3d sculptures in Art and to introduce them to different ideas for social time activities as part of the Personal and Social Development unit on Leisure Time.



The park includes some giant sculptures which are placed outside within the 500 acres of country park. The class took lots of photographs, as part of their project, and spent some time sketching their favourite pieces.



Our photos also include some of the sculptures we are working on in class. It is free and well worth a visit; try and choose a warm sunny day!



News from Post 16 SV

For this cycle of textile Enrichment, we have been using the sewing machine to make lavender bags. We sewed the bags on the sewing machine and then filled them with dried lavender and cotton wool. We also hand sewed our initials on to aida cloth and stuck or sewed on buttons and stars to decorate our work. Well done Post 16!



News from Post 16

Post-16 students have made a fantastic start to their 12-Week Work Placements Programme. So far students have worked with Blend Kitchen, The Community Grocery, Burton Street Foundation, Gleadless Valley Foodbank, Crystal Peaks Shopping Mall, St Luke's and the British Heart Foundation Furniture and Electrical store.

There are so many examples of personal achievement taking place. Staff are extremely proud of each and every one of the students' achievements.

Bents Green School are also tremendously grateful to all employer's involvement. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that the students get the most from the experience.



News from 7DP

This half-term we had a whole day devoted to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We found out about different ways that STEM is used in everyday life and different jobs that use STEM. Best of all we did loads of fun experiments including finding out why we need to wash your hands, what do different drinks do to your teeth, making boats to carry marbles and even making our own rain clouds. 7DP really enjoyed the whole day and showed so much enthusiasm they were crowned the STEM champions of the whole school.



News from 11JP

Throughout this term 11JP has been completing an ASDAN topic on Personal Safety in the Home and Community.



We have successfully planned and travelled independently (with staff shadowing) a journey from Hollinsend Tram stop to Cathedral Tram stop. We asked the conductor for a tram fare or showed our travel passes.



We then directed the tutor team staff in the city centre to explore the Winter Gardens. We also had a conversation with a city centre ambassador about how we can stay safe if we become lost.



Great independence skills and awareness of being safe.

Very proud, 11JP Tutor team

AMEY Cup Challenge

Bents Green were delighted to take part in the Amey Cup Challenge this week.

The event was designed to bring students and engineers together

for the day to solve real-life engineering problems. We looked at all aspects of an engineering project (rebuilding a bridge) including planning, budgeting, managing risks. It ended with the teams presenting to a judging panel. The students conducted themselves impeccably and we are super-proud of them all.

The judge said our project management skills were outstanding.



Y9 Transition visits

Date of visit	Tutor group and staff	Activity
Tuesday 18 th April	9NA	Tour with Adrian - 30 minutes
Tuesday 25 th April	9VA	Tour with Adrian
Tuesday 2 nd May	9RG	Tour with Adrian
Tuesday 9 th May	9IB	Tour with Adrian
Tuesday 16 th May	9NA	Activity planned by tutor team 10-11
Tuesday 23 rd May	9RG	Activity planned by tutor team 10-11

Upcoming dates

Mon 3 - Fri 14 Apr, EASTER BREAK

Mon 17 Apr, All students return to school

Mon 24 Apr - Fri 5 May, Westfield Y10 Work Experience

Wed 26 Apr, Y8 Careers session with Amey

Thur 27 Apr, Westfield Y7 Parents Evening

Fri 28 Apr, Y8 Careers session with Amey

Mon 1 May, BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 2—Fri 5 May, Westfield GCSE Art Exams

Mon 8 May, BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 9—Fri 19 May, P16 Exam weeks

Tues 9 May, 8JJ & 8SW Magna trip

Tues 9 May, Y9 Interview skills with Amey

Wed 10 May, 8GR & 8JC Magna trip

Mon 15 May, Westfield GCSE Exams begin

Mon 15 May, Y9 HPV Immunisations, Ringinglow

Thurs 18 May, Y8 HPV Immunisations, Ringinglow

Fri 19 May, Gleadless GCSE Maths Exam 1

Mon 22 May, 9NA & 9RG Yorkshire Sculpture park

Tues 23 May, 9VA & 9IB Yorkshire Sculpture park

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun, HALF TERM

Mixed Up



In February, students at our Gleadless site had the opportunity to take part in an interactive play from theatre company Odd Arts, called 'Mixed Unclear and Unstable Ideologies'. Students learnt about how complex social problems can lead into dangerous situations. They were then able to interact with the characters by role playing possible solutions to the problems and discussing early intervention techniques.

Fantastic opportunity for Bents Green Students

Some of our students took part in the recent Triple A Performer Showcase at Sheffield City Hall.

The performance went really well and our students were amazing. The organisers said "The young people of Bents Green school took it all in their stride and wowed us on the stage." Well done to all who took part.

Triple A Performer are a Sheffield based charity that promote, educate and help casting directors to be inclusive of neurodivergent performers.



Update from BGS Allotment at Gleadless

Exciting news!

Our staff have been working hard to prepare our allotment at Gleadless, which has been secured to use for growing and outdoor learning opportunities. We hope our students will start working on the allotment next term.

Watch this space for more news....



Free School Meals vouchers—Just a reminder that Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a Easter Break voucher. If you would like help with that code, please call Gleadless site on 0114 2357028 and ask for Juliette who can help you.