

Newsletter

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individuals matter.



Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

This half term has been full of wonderful experiences for many of our students and staff.

At our Ringinglow site we have had a number of school trips, including our Year 8 classes visiting MAGNA and our Year 10 classes had a wonderful outdoor experience at Thornbridge. The students who attended these trips all really enjoyed their days, and we will certainly be looking at planning similar trips next year. All students also took part in our RS Day which was based on Sikhism, and a Chinese Day. On both of these days our school catering team provided some lovely themed food for us all to try.

At Westfield our students are in the middle of completing GCSE exams and are working incredibly hard. The exams have gone very well so far. Westfield Hub has also welcomed a couple of new students who are settling in very well.

Our post 16 students at Gleadless are coming to the end of what has been a super successful 12-week work experience/ encounter. Year 11s and post 16 have started to complete end of year examinations and these are going well. The students are preparing for the transition to Enterprise works and their next visits are scheduled for after half term.

Students at Gleadless have recently completed GCSE exams in Biology, Maths and English. Other students have been completing their Asdan PSD coursework. The student council have been involved in planning end of year activities such as the prom and sports' day.

Transition is very much the focus for us as a school now, and it has been lovely to meet all our new Year 7 students and their families when they had their first visits. We are also supporting our students who are transitioning between sites, and so far all transitions are going very smoothly. We are also hoping to welcome some new staff on transition visits next half term, as we have made several new teacher and TA appointments. We are sure that you will help us to make all our new school members feel very welcome and part of our community.

Finally, we would like to wish all our Y11 and Post 16 students the best of luck as they continue with their final exams , and we are looking forward to celebrating with them at the Leavers' Prom on Thursday 27th June.

Aileen and Laura

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Message from the Bents Green School Governors

Spring has sprung! The big news is, of course, our recent Ofsted inspection results have been published, and we have retained our rating of Good. That "good" rating came as the result of incredibly hard and dedicated work from everyone, most especially our fantastic co-headteachers Laura and Aileen, whose ongoing dedication to the school self-evaluation process guided the assessors and showed we are on top of the areas which require improvement, as well as showing the areas where we clearly shine, like safeguarding and attendance. We hope everyone is as proud of your part in this achievement as we are of all of you for your dedication and hard work. A huge thank you to everyone at all three sites for your exemplary cooperation during the 2-day evaluation period, and special thanks as well to the parents and carers who participated in the online questionnaire.

In other areas of Governance, this half term we have focused on resources, strategy, and managing the budget. Enquiry walks for Food Tech, phonics and English curriculum have been carried out, at both Gleadless and Ringinglow. Our Policy group, which meets each month, has been quite busy, making sure the school is not only up-to-date and compliant with all statutory requirements, but also that those policies are timely and written with our school values, students, staff and families in mind. We most recently reviewed and approved comprehensive Critical Incident plans for Ringinglow and Gleadless, and our Codes of Conduct for staff, supply staff and for visitors have all had recent review and revision...all important details to keep everyone safe while in our school settings at all times.

Finally, we are excited to announce we have an opening for a parent governor! If you have an interest in being a part of the governing board, if you're available the first Tuesday evening of each month, and if you feel like jumping into the world of governance, here's your chance! There is amazing training available, and speaking as a parent governor, it's an incredible opportunity to jump into an active and exciting area of education you may never have known existed! There is plenty to learn about, you'll be well supported, you will have the chance to help the school, and expand your relationships with the staff and leadership teams. You don't need to have any prior experience in education, just dedication and a passion for doing what's best for our school and an enjoyment of getting to know some great new people, some great already-familiar people, and some darn fine cakes, biscuits & tea! Please send an email to our Chair of Governors, Laura Gillespie, at lgillespie@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk before the end of June. Get involved and join us!

We hope the longer days and warmer weather finds you and your families enjoying the occasional fun times in the sunshine. Half term holiday is right around the corner!

With kindest regards, on behalf of the Governing Board,

Shannon O'Donnell Provatas, Parent Governor



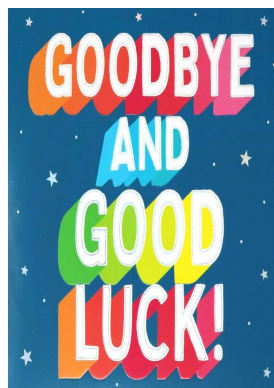
Upcoming Dates

Sat 25 May—Sun 2nd June—Half Term Break
Mon 3 June— Maths GCSE Exam 2 Gleadless
Thurs 6 June—English Lang GCSE Exam Gleadless
Fri 7 June— Biology GCSE Exam Gleadless
Mon 10 June- Maths GCSE Exam 3 Gleadless
Fri 14 June—Coffee Morning Shirecliffe Community Centre
Wed 19 June—Parents Evening Y8-Y11 Westfield
- Parents Evening Gleadless All Years
- Parents Evening Ringinglow Years 8,9,10, P4AT and P4LD
Thurs 20 June—10HP visit to Sheaf Training Gleadless
Fri 21 June—Dovetail Ensemble Concert Rininglow
Tues 25 June—Gleadless Sports Day
Thurs 27 June—Years 11 & Post 16 Prom
Fri 28 June—Year 11 & Post 16 Last Day
- RS Drop down day Ringinglow
Mon 1 July—5 Mock Exams Westfield
Westfield Y10 Work Experience
Tues 2 July - Y10 Class 1 Thornbridge Trip Gleadless
Thurs 4 July—Y10 Class 2 Thornbridge Trip Gleadless
- Westfield Y11 Prom
Fri 5 July— Health and Wellbeing Day All Sites
- Y10 Class 3 Thornbridge Trip Gleadless
Mon 8 July—12 Westfield Y10 Work Experience
Thurs 11 July—Sports Day Rininglow
Mon 22 - 23 July—Training Days all sites
Wed 24 July— Mon 2 Sept—Summer Break

Transition to Gleadless visits

Our Y8 &Y9 transition visits continue this half term on the following days.

Date	Time	Class
17/06/24	10-11am	8NW
18/06/24	10-11am	8AP
20/06/24	10-11am	9RL
01/07/24	10-11am	8NW
02/07/24	10-11am	8AP

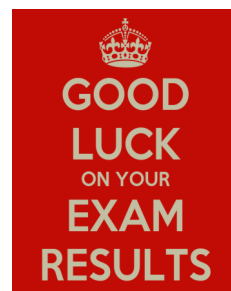


Y11 and Y14 Leaving date

Reminder that the leaving date for Y11 and Y14 students is Friday 28th June

Exam results 2024

Results can be collected on **Thursday 22nd August**, further details will be sent out by letter



This Half Term's Events

News from 10SW

This half term 10SW have been learning about different careers in our knowledge for life lessons. We have been on some walks looking for local businesses and thought about what jobs people might do there. A highlight was having a tour of a local garden centre where students got to visit the potting sheds, polytunnel and see how the staff were getting all the spring plants ready to be sold.



News from 7LG

7LG have been learning about light in Science. They enjoyed making shadows of themselves outside and shadow puppets inside.

In Geography they have been learning about different habitats: the desert and the rainforest. They were very lucky to be able to see and hold a real porcupine spine.

In Maths, students are identifying 2D and 3D shapes and have make some 3D shapes of their own.

For RS Day, students learnt about Sikhism. They experienced a sensory story about The Milk and the Jasmine Flower.



Then students decorated their own bowls and thought about good things in the world.



News from P4NB

The students in P4NB have been enjoying the sensory story 'Grandad's island'. They have found the key, travelled to the island, walked in the sea and met some animals who live on the island. The students are now learning about the nouns which are in the story.



Sia has found the key under the plant pot

Thomas is steering the boat to the island



The students are paddling in the



Fardeen has met some animals on the island

News from 8RP

8RP had a fantastic day at Magna science adventure centre with their tutor team!

This half term, We have been learning about Destructive Earth, and the children couldn't wait to get involved with the hands-on exhibitions exploring the different pavilions of Earth, Water, Air and Fire.

The highlight of the day was seeing the fire tornado and having a go on the huge diggers!

We finished the day with a play on the huge adventure playground and had great fun riding the zip wire and climbing the rocket. We had so much fun that some of us even managed to fall asleep on the bus on the way back to school!

The children were fantastic all day and did a great job of representing Bents Green School. Well done, 8RP!



Year 10 Thornbridge



Congratulations to Y10SW and 10JC for their very successful trip to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre. They had the fantastic opportunity to explore a mine at the very heart of the Peak District and delve into the adventurous and exciting underground world. After brilliantly completing the uphill approach to the entrance of the mine, they worked as a team to navigate their way around dark areas, crawl, scramble and support each other to overcome the obstacles along the way. The day concluded with a series of low rope activities, where students worked together to overcome challenges that were both physical and mental. Using problem solving, communication and concentration skills, the students navigated a series of balancing cables, swinging ropes and climbing nets. This fantastic experience tested our pupils' coordination and balance, boosted their agility and resilience, all the while having a tonne of fun. This trip expanded and challenged their confidence and curiosity and left them feeling a great sense of reward. A big thank you goes to Friends of Bents Green for making this trip possible.



Careers

Y10 Students Visit to Sheffield Magistrates Court.



All Y10 Students will be visiting Sheffield Magistrates Court to explore an empty court room and discover the many careers within the courts. This is linked with their Careers learning this half-term—a Skillsbuilders Project calls Legal Eagles

Crown Green Bowling—Hollinsend Park

It is hoped that a variety of classes from the Gleadless site will be able to participate in crown green bowls as part of their PE lessons this will be held at Hollinsend Park.



Free School Meals vouchers For May Spring Bank Holidays - A polite reminder that Sheffield Council are sending letters to those families eligible for FSM with a Spring break voucher. The voucher letters should be received by eligible families by week commencing 20 May. If you would like help with that code, please call the Gleadless site on 0114 2357028 and ask for Clare who can help you. The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.