

# The Forum

Designed and produced by the Sixth Form students of Bradford Academy



## Facilitating the best

Bradford Academy has built a tradition of high grades. We have also some of the best facilities in Bradford. Coincidence? We think not. The students here have undertaken their courses with a range of facilities that has helped them achieve the top grades. From the music department's recording studio, to the Learning Resource Centre's range of books and computers, the school is equipped to assist the students in any of the wide range of subjects available to the students in the Sixth Form and throughout the whole school.

The recording studio is in the music department, and is available to students on

request, and is utilised by a large number of students who, once they leave the academy, have pursued careers within the music industry.

We also have a range of 'IT corridors'; corridors that are lined on one side by computer after computer, available at all times to students, offering internet access and top-end software to assist students in their studies. The Learning Resource Centre could be described as a library. But it is unlike most libraries in that it offers, on top of the range of books of all genres and types, a large number of computers, equipped with the same software as anywhere else in the school.

**“ The best facilities to provide the best education for the best learners ”**

# Starstruck by SSLT!

SSLT is a senior student leadership team. The aims of the team are to provide students with the best learning environment within school, and to express their views and opinions of the school. There are sixteen members all who have a role to be a leader of an event or key stage. They represent a key stage and present ideas for improvements to the staff leaders of the school. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage students to be enthusiastic and have power within Bradford Academy. Through this students develop leadership and team building skills which can prepare them for their future and is hugely valuable for personal statements and CV's!

"SSLT is a fantastic opportunity for students to appoint their opinions and views about the school and to make a positive change within our school community"

Rickishe Taylor (Head of SSLT)



# Always Performing

In the Academy we're inclusive which allows students to do which ever courses they please. Many students chose to do BTEC Performing Arts. This gives the students a chance to relax and have some fun. Students don't have to take Performing Arts to be involved in all the productions that we hold as a school, they are open to all. The Performing Arts department offers students in all years, of all ethnicities to try something new and exciting. Currently the students are taking part in the Shakespeare Festival which is on stage at Alhambra. The play we are performing is 'Much Ado About Nothing'. One of the students involved in the festival spoke of her excitement. We spoke to Beth who said, "Working in the Performing Arts department provides me with joy and

being involved in the Shakespeare festival has widened my understanding and knowledge on his work as I'm currently studying A Level English Literature."

Also part of the Performing Arts department is Dance. We recently had a Dance show which was called 'A Motion Picture'. Its theme was famous movies. It opened with a dance routine to the theme of Great Gatsby and culminated with a dance routine to the theme of Pirates of the Caribbean. A student who took part in the show explained her excitement to us. Megan told us, "Being in the dance show was a chance to have a change from just acting. It was an exciting experience and it really helped the cast to form great relationships and bonds with each other."



# Charity Challenge

## Going dotty for Children in Need

This year in the Academy we are trying to do our bit in raising money for the charity, 'Children in Need'. We will be doing various entertaining activities such as a sponsored penalty shootout, innumerable confectionary stalls, pyjama day for the primary years, beauty and nails, henna tattoos and many more exciting opportunities. All these events will get students working together and will raise money to aid the charity. With these efforts we aim to surpass the amount of money raised in previous years.

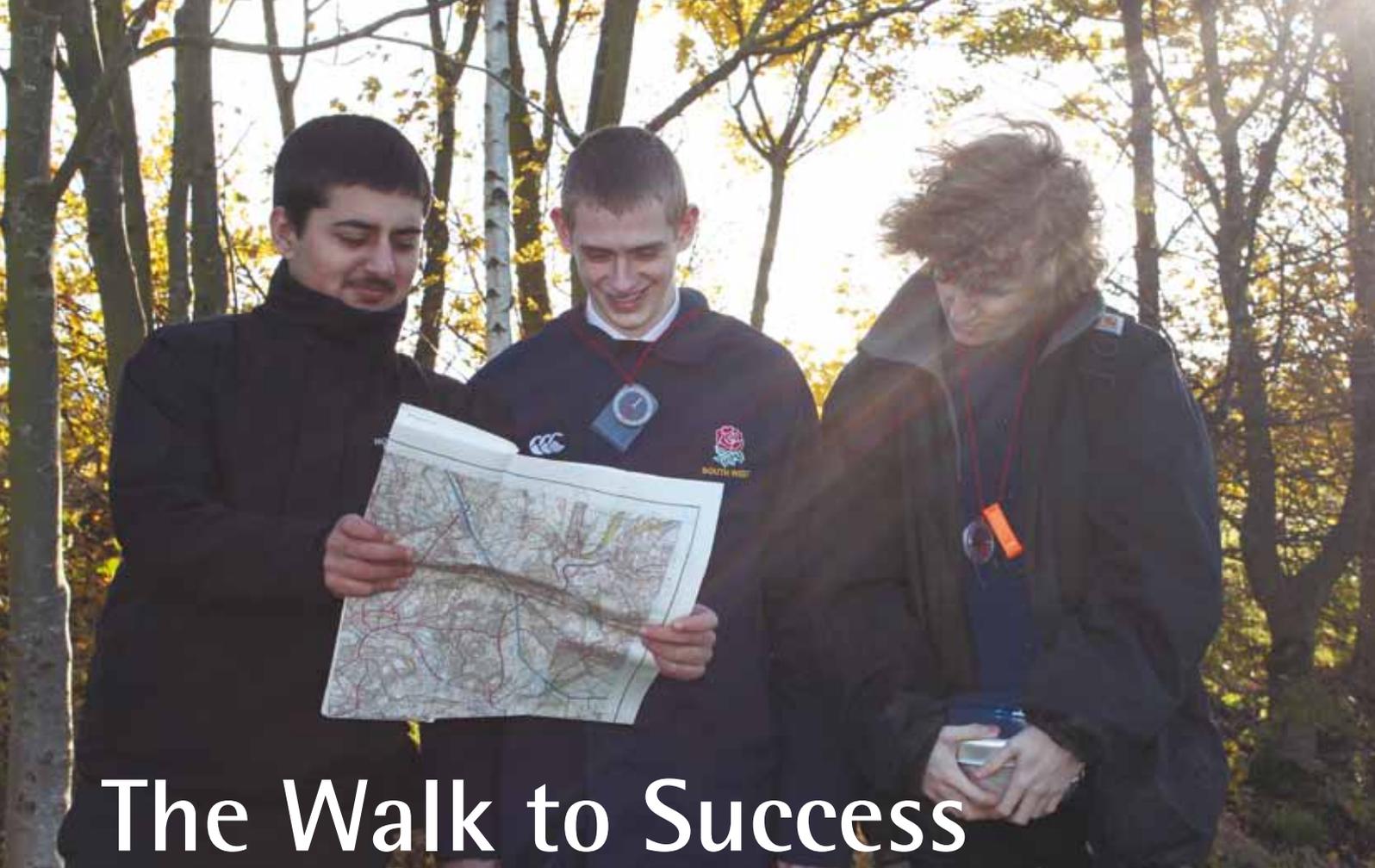
## Academy action

For the past 2 years, the sixth form hometeams have taken part in a 'charity challenge'. During this challenge the hometeams compete to have their charity chosen. The successful charity this year is Martin House. The Leeds based charity was chosen due to its locality and its work with children and youths with life limiting illnesses. The hometeams will now compete with various ideas in order to collect the most money for the charity; with the winner being recognised for its efforts.



## Bradford Academy Trek the world

Every year Bradford Academy offers the chance of a lifetime to partake in World Challenge. Last year students went to Morocco to help refurbish a rundown facility for less fortunate children, this was both a challenge in itself but all the students that took part felt it very rewarding and an amazing experience whilst also being beneficial for the community. Students described the long treks and blistering sun exhausting but the relationships, memories and skills they gained will never be forgotten. This year we have been offered the chance to trek the Himalayas and help in a remote village in Uttarkhand to develop and share different cultural skills.



# The Walk to Success

The Duke of Edinburgh is a nationally recognised award which is completed through many stages. The Post 16 at Bradford Academy is one of many schools that take part in this award scheme, consisting of multiple challenges such as volunteer work, expeditions and the learning of new skills and talents. The members of this year's expedition have

already begun their volunteering within the local community by taking part in the 'Friends of Bowling Park' scheme. Along with this, extra-curricular activities such as learning sign language has also been selected to learn new skills. Furthermore, we have all taken part in the first practice walk in the surrounding areas of Tyersal.

## Making our Future Bright

Hometeam sessions are at the heart of our school, with 20-25 students in each class, and a teacher also known as a learning guide. It provides valuable one to one and individual support sessions with students about their next steps in school and preparation for their future aspirations. During hometeam learning guides look at students' progress and achievement and students gain extra academic support to reach their full potential. Furthermore, the students are able to talk about any personal issues with their learning guide to build strong relationships and for students to feel comfortable communicating and being part of hometeam with other students and their learning guide. It is very similar to being in a supportive, family environment!

## Who's Jim? Our gym!

We all know exercise is very important these days. Healthy body equals a healthy mind. The students at Bradford Academy are lucky enough to have an indoor gym that features all the latest equipment you would find in any ordinary gym. Another upside to having our own indoor gym is that students have access to it whenever they please. Helping our students feel fit and healthy.



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