



Newsletter

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Message from the Secondary Principal

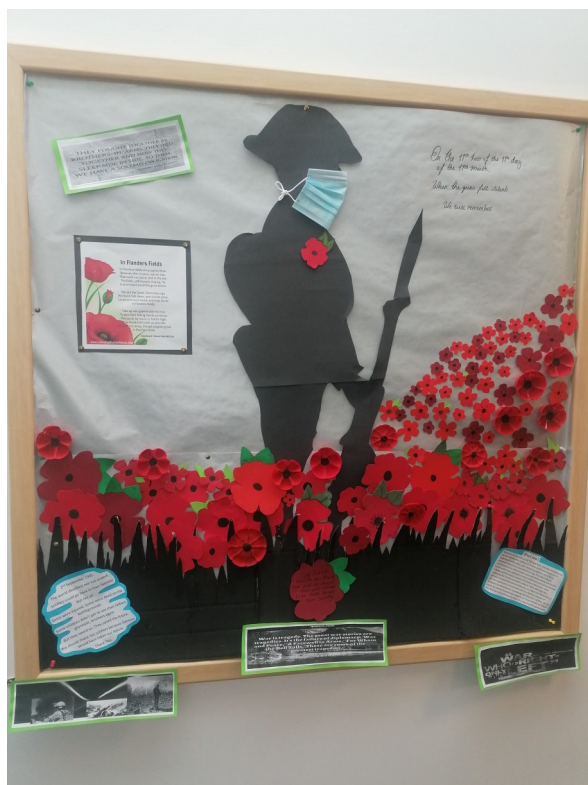
I wanted to take the time to thank every member of the BA community for their continued support in these unprecedented times - another half term has passed by and whilst we continue to navigate the difficulties surrounding a global pandemic we have lots to celebrate. Learners have united against bullying and hate crimes in PHSE, remembered soldiers who fought and died for their country with a two minute silence and reflection to 'The Last Post', adapted to a new timetable, completed their first set of teacher subject assessments, accessed high quality virtual learning online lessons, celebrated Diwali and Christmas.... the list goes on! I wanted to assure you that the Academy continues to digest and implement all of the government guidance whilst also providing learners with an educational provision that can help them thrive - the balance is a difficult one but keeping your children safe, academically challenged and engaged is a non-negotiable at the Academy. I hope that each and every one of the BA community manages to have a rest over the break and look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 4th January 2021**.

Ms J Tierney
Secondary Principal

BA Be The Best!

Remembrance Day!

The Care team and KS3 have worked hard and created a fantastic remembrance day board in acknowledgement of the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country in World War 1.



Mrs M Shafi
Learning Assistant

Budding Writers!



Congratulations to 50 of our learners in secondary who are now published writers from the 'Through Their Eyes' competition. This is a massive achievement and we are exceptionally proud of their efforts.

Lewis Gale, Georgina Gregory, Bradley-Craven Bennet, Sean Greenough, Ajay Moyo, Isabelle Walker, Mia Holden, Umama Aqeel, Sabrina Kauser, Amunet Hackshaw, Katerina Jennings, Reece Ferdinand Costello, Hayden Hewitt, Jaydan Hodges, Ryan Kelly, Mohammed Junaid, Emily Avery, Brandon Dean, Daniel Adekunle, Kennie-Leigh Stubbs, Isaac Thorpe, Louis Delaney, Millie Foster, Milena Janczyszyn, Phoebe Beswick, Kazim Khan, Xanda Broadfoot-Cox, Zain Kamar, Ihsan Khan, Faith Hinsley, Ruby-Groves Hemmingway, Israa Khan, Jozia Khan, Abdul Azuz Ali, Hasnain Rashid, Adam-Lee Coleman, Layiba Ali, Rayhaan Khan, Merdi Kinkela, Zara Ahmed, Caitlin Louise Crossland, Rai Ahmad, Ruby Harrison, Dantay Scollick, Sky Bell, Simra Baig, Aaron Emery, Hayfa Khan, Derry-Jo Keighley, Hibah Hussain.

Mrs J Spark
LRC Manager



Trapped—Stories of Peril

We are proud to share the news that Ethan Henderson -Clapham **Year 8 F** is now a published author.

Ethan has been chosen for publication in a book showcasing young adult's work, called **Trapped - stories of Peril**. Congratulations to Ethan!

Mrs B Henderson
Teaching Assistant & Co-ordinator of the Excellence Centre

BA Be The Best!

Good News!

Bernie Henderson shortlisted for classroom support assistant of the year for the TES awards!



Bernie is a highly dedicated member of our school who has worked on site for over 20 years. She has committed lots of her time to helping and assisting learners throughout the years, working in her own time to provide resources to supplement teacher resources. She is a valued member of our staff who was recently shortlisted for



Classroom Support Assistant of the Year due to her continued dedication. Well done and thank you for all of your hard work!

Ms Brearton
Teacher of English
Accelerated Reader Lead
Lead Practitioner for Literacy

KS3/4 DSP Christmas Project

Christmas crafts created by KS3/KS4 DSP and the JCC staff .



Ms D Henderson
Learning Assistant

Festive Celebrations!

The Academy has continued to make this time of year memorable for learners, despite the obvious restrictions. Previously there would have been a large tree placed in the forum but this has not been possible this year..... so we placed the tree



outside! Ensuring learners could see it on their way in to school. There was a nativity scene in the memorial garden, learners enjoyed a Christmas lunch with a twist and on Wednesday we had a visit from Santa complete with reindeers and an outdoor elf show. Friday was non uniform and Christmas jumper day and a voluntary contribution of £1 enabled us to visit The Salvation Army with a gift for Christmas. We wanted to recognise their support for the Academy and hope that this small token can help them continue their good work within the community.



Ms J Tierney
Secondary Principal

BA Be The Best!

Options — Year 9, 11 and Post 16

Currently the careers team are supporting learners in Years 9, 11 and Post 16 with some important decisions regarding their future pathways.

Year 9: At the end of this academic year, learners in Year 9 will leave Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) and move into Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). As part of this process, they will choose their options (additional subjects in which they will receive a qualification in at end of Year 11). We offer a wide range of GCSEs and vocational subjects to choose from ensuring all learners have the chance to study something they enjoy, and can succeed in. The learners have already received a subject overview booklet to take home (this is available to view on our website, under the careers tab) and have taken a short quiz to get them thinking about which subjects they might be interested in. Throughout January, in

their PSE lessons, they will have the opportunity to view videos about the courses on offer and they will receive a full course booklet so they are able to make an informed choice. We will be asking learners to make their final choices at the end of January via the Options Online form.

Due to COVID we are unable to host our usual Pathways evening for parents/carers and learners, so we have moved all the information we would normally provide you with on to our website. You will have the opportunity to watch short presentations from subject teachers and receive detailed information on course content so you can discuss which options will be best for your child. We also fully explain the options process, and you will be able to view the full course booklet, which will contain detailed information on all courses available along with step-by-step details of when and how to complete the Options Online form, which can be completed on any mobile, tablet or PC.

Year 11: At the end of this academic year, learners in Year 11 will leave Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) and move into Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13) or an apprenticeship / traineeship. Learners have already begun to virtually meet or speak with our independent careers advisor, and look at what they would like to do when they finish Key Stage 4. All learners must now stay in education or work based training until the age of 18, and there are many different options available to them. As well as our own Sixth Form which offers a range of Level 2 and 3 qualifications, learners have the option to apply for other colleges or sixth forms, or an apprenticeship in an area of their choice. Applications for Bradford Academy Post 16 opened on our website on Monday 14th December, when learners received the Post 16 prospectus with details on all the courses on offer. As we are unable to host our Post 16 Open Evening this year, all the information is again available for you to view online. You will hear from our Post 16 team, be able to watch a tour of our facilities and watch short presentations on the subjects on offer in our Post 16 provision.

Year 12 (access): At the end of this academic year, learners on our Year 12 access courses will leave our access provision and move onto the next stage of their career. That may be to continue in education and study at Level 3 in Years 13 and 14 or to find an apprenticeship / traineeship. As well as our own Sixth Form which offers a range of Level 3 qualifications, learners have the option to apply for other colleges or sixth forms, or an apprenticeship in an area of their choice. Applications for Bradford Academy Post 16 opened on our website on Monday 14th December. All the information relating to learners moving on from Level 2 to 3 is available for you to view on our website.

Year 13: Most of our Year 13 learners will leave our Post 16 provision and move onto the next stage of their career. That may be to continue in education, studying at university, finding an apprenticeship / traineeship, or finding employment. Our Post 16 team are supporting the completion of applications for university and providing help and guidance for those learners not wishing to pursue this pathway.

I will be happy to discuss any queries or concerns either yourself or your child have regarding the process for any of the year groups. I can be contacted by calling the school on 01274 256789 or emailing s.taylor@bradfordacademy.co.uk

Ms S Taylor
Careers Leader & Progressions Manager

BA Be The Best!

Runners up in the Pearson World Changer Awards 2020!

In the midst of the pandemic, Mr Clarke entered our very own Sporting Elite learners in the National Pearson World Changer Award 2020. The athletes were entered for their valiant on-going contribution to our Academy volunteering their own time to distribute breakfast to their allocated year groups, ensuring no child is too hungry to learn.

Following our application, the learners were announced **Runner-up in the Education and Beyond Category Award!** The judges were inspired by their achievements and commitment our learners are showing to make a positive difference in the world. As a category runner-up, the school will receive a certificate that will be sent by post and promotion in our **Winners Showcase**, where details about their work will be published and celebrated far and wide!

This is something that we should be extremely proud of. Our Sporting Elite programme and role model learners have now been recognised on a National level.

Link for the Winners Showcase:

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/subject-area/extended-curriculum-and-btec/pearsons-world-changer-awards/winners-and-runners-up.html>



About the awards

At Pearson, we know learning does not end in the classroom. What is taught in schools, homes and communities can unlock a world of experiences and opportunities, as well as harness the talent, passion and kindness needed for the future.

As part of the World Changer Awards, we wanted to highlight the power of education and demonstrate how subjects across the wider curriculum can help drive positive change in the world. This has certainly been achieved.

Despite the challenges of 2020, we have been moved by the resilience, positivity and dedication to make a difference beyond the classroom that has shone through in the applications we've received from 5-19 year-olds, schools and community groups across the UK.

While every single person who was entered into the awards is a world changer and deserves to be celebrated in their own right, this showcase shines a light on a selection of the inspiring young people and pioneering initiatives that stole our judges' hearts.

Mr W Clarke
Teacher of SLR
Sporting Elite Coach & Healthy Schools Coordinator

PRIMARY NEWS

December 2020



Advent Windows– Our advent windows showcase all the people and things we want to celebrate from 2020 as well as reminding us of the true meaning of this special time of year.



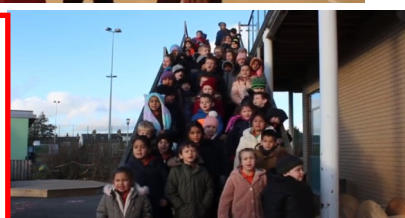
BA PRIMARY BAKE OFF-

We were absolutely astounded by all the entries into our first ever BA Bake off. All the children in school had a chance to vote for their favourite.

CONGRATULATIONS to our over all winner, **Keyaan in Year 6** for his fantastic snowman cake!



A reminder that pictures and videos from all our Christmas events will be uploaded to
WWW.BRADFORDACADEMY.CO.UK/CHRISTMAS-2020



BA NOTICEBOARD

Site Access

Thank you for continuing to follow instructions regarding the Academy site.

Barriers will remain closed and can only be operated by staff card or cards given under special circumstances. Continue to follow the one way system.

Reminder: All Secondary learners access the site from the Teasdale Street entrance. All Primary learners access the site from the Lister Avenue entrance. (Main entrance)

Young Minds

Young Minds has a Crisis Messenger service which provides free, 24/7 crisis across the UK. Young people can access the text-message based service by texting YM to 85258

The Academy opens for all learners on **Monday 4th January 2021**

7.30am — Year 7
7.45am — Year 8
8.00am — Year 11
8.00am — Post 16
8.30am — Year 9
8.30am — Year 10
9.30am — JCC

Secondary Lunch Menu

Hot Pasta & Sauce
Pizza/burger & Chips
Paninis
Macaroni cheese
Zinger Burgers
A selection of cold Sandwiches
home-bakes (biscuits/cakes etc)
Fruit cocktail
Cold pasta pots
Daily breakdown available on web-site

Holiday Food Scheme

If you require support for food over the Christmas break please visit the Bradford Council Website and see the holiday food scheme where they will update details of where food can be accessed.

www.bradford.gov.uk

Useful Contact Numbers

Main Reception: 01274 256789
NHS Covid- 19 Line: 119

Covid 19

During the first 6 days of the break if your child is tested positive for covid 19 then please can you inform the Academy by e. mailing covidnotification@bradfordacademy.co.uk with the following information;

- Name of child
- Name of any other members of the household that attend the Academy
- Date symptoms started
- Date positive test received

The positive case will have to isolate for 10 days and family members for 14 days – we will inform PHE and trace any contacts.

Free Christmas Food Hampers and Gifts — The Real Junk Food Project

We have been informed of a fantastic charity initiative within West Yorkshire that is offering to deliver a special Christmas to ALL families across West Yorkshire.

The Real Junk Food Project is a local charity that is going to deliver FREE Christmas food hampers and gifts anywhere in West Yorkshire between Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 23rd December. We thought you might like to share this with some of your students' parents.

To receive this wonderful offer, you need to register your household at the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/yy9d2ffv>