Friday 8 July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to end this term by saying a huge "Thank you!" to you all for your support over the last year. Having started as Principal during Covid in September 2020, it has been great to get to know you all properly over this last year. I am very grateful to all the staff who have offered around 80 different events for parents to get involved with the school; celebrate our children's success; and learn how to support children with their learning at home.

Thank you for attending these events; I am sure that by working together in close home/school partnership we can provide the very best support for students to thrive and succeed.

In this week's letter you will find:

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#### 1. The Week Ahead

| Weekly Assembly Theme |                                |                        |             |            |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| Day                   | Session                        | For                    | Time        | Location   |  |
| Monday                |                                |                        |             |            |  |
| Tuesday               | Y7 Parents Information Meeting | Y7 Parents and pupils  | 2.15-3.15pm | Hall       |  |
| Wednesday             |                                |                        |             |            |  |
| Thursday              | Y11 Parent Information Evening | Y11 Parents and pupils | 3.45-4.30pm | Hall       |  |
| Friday                | Primary Curriculum Showcase    | Y1-6 Parents           | 2.15-3pm    | Classrooms |  |

#### 2. Start of Term

Reminder that the first day back is:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: 8.40am - Lady Royd and Year 7 students ONLY. All other students (Yrs8-11) return at 8.40am on Wednesday 7th September.

#### 3. Library Newsletters

Our library newsletters which include news and information about summer reading clubs, have now been added to the website. Click the link here to view: <u>primary</u> and <u>senior newsletter</u>.

#### 4. Uniform

Last week we provided an update on the <u>new school uniform</u>, which you can now view on the website. Please note, that **next year it is acceptable for students to wear the existing uniform**. However, you may choose to adopt the new uniform of a plain white shirt and tie rather than the striped blouse, for budgetary reasons.

I am aware that many families buy new uniform over the summer holidays, and occasionally it has been known for students to try and influence decision-making towards items that push the boundaries. Some notes of caution please:

- Shoes should be plain black, leather-type, with no logos. Trainers are not permitted, even if they are plain black.
- Nails acrylic or painted nails are not permitted (even if students have just come back from holiday).
- Make-up girls should not wear make-up, including mascara or fake eyelashes.
- Trousers / skirts should be blue, not black.
- Jumpers navy blue, V-neck plain jumpers, or jumpers with the BGGS logo are acceptable. Round necks, any jumper with a logo, or sweatshirts / hoodies, are not permitted.

If students are not in the correct uniform, they will be lent items from school if stocks allow. Alternatively, they may be in isolation until the correct uniform is worn.

#### 5. Success in a National STEM Competition

Congratulations to Year 9 students Raviha and Kiezha-Mae who were runners up in this year's BP Ultimate STEM challenge: 'My net zero community' and won £1,000 to help with the school's sustainability projects.

The students' winning entry centred around the design of a community park built on a slight slant to collect rainwater, which could then be filtered and recycled back into the community for public use.

#### The BP judges said:

'We received a strong response to the competition this year with over a thousand entries of an exceptionally high standard. The judges were extremely impressed with the thoughtful, innovative, and creative ideas so all entrants should feel very proud of their hard work!



#### 6. First Giving Charity Winners

As highlighted in previous letters, Year 9 students have been taking part in the First Give programme which inspires and empowers young people to take action to make a positive change in society. As part of the programme, students have been learning about the social issues in their community and have chosen the issues which are important to them.

After researching the local charities working to address these issues, each form selected a charity to represent and this year they included: HAQ Water for Life charity, the Masjid and Umar Foundation, the Bradford Curry Project and Barnado's. Together they raised over £370.

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Today students from each form presented their fundraising projects to a panel of judges which included local councillor Fozia Shaheen, and a representative from the First Give Programme. After a lengthy deliberation 9N were awarded the £1,000 cheque for their project to support Barnardo's.

As part of their fundraising, 9N asked students to bring a teddy bear or cuddly toy into school as a way of representing and raising awareness of the comfort that the charity provides for children. Students Raviha and Amarah were delighted to represent their form to collect the cheque which will be presented to Barnardo's.

#### 7. Summer Holiday Activities

Bradford Council are running their holiday activities and food programme (HAF), over the summer with a number of activities including cycling, football, arts and crafts and cooking. The activities are free for students during the summer holidays.

The events are fun and encourage healthy lifestyles, so we would encourage children to get involved. It is easy to sign up by logging in and following the instructions: <u>https://bradford.haf.fun/login</u> You can use any UK mobile number to access it and there is a QR code on the flyer to access it.

#### Bradford City Football Club – Summer Camps

Bradford City Football Club are offering Football Summer Camps throughout the summer, from 25<sup>th</sup> July onwards. Places are offered to boys and girls aged 5 to 14 years or all abilities. Costs are £20/day and run from 10am-3pm. Children will be recommended to their Football Development Programme or Bradford City Girls Development Centre if they feel they are of the required standard. All sessions are based around the children's ability and age. Further details can be found on the flyer attached.

#### • Bradford City AFC Girls (BCAFC) - Open Days

BCAFC are holding Open Days on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: 6-7pm. If your daughter is interested in playing for any of the football teams, which start at the Under-9's and up to 17 years, please contact BCAFC directly. Further information please see the flyer attached. sign-up

#### • Tennis Summer Camps

Strive Tennis, one of Yorkshire's leading tennis coaching providers, is offering tennis camps over the summer for boys and girls aged 4-16 years of all ability levels.

#### Heaton Tennis & Squash Club

Monday 25 July – Friday 29 July: 2pm - 5pm. Monday 22 August – Thursday 25 August: 2pm - 5pm Tuesday 30 August – Friday 2 September: 2pm - 5pm

For more information about costs and how to book, visit: <u>https://www.strivetennis.co.uk/bradford/tennis-camps</u>

#### 8. Parent Support Over the Summer

Asda has announced it is helping families this summer with an offer that will provide children aged 16 and under, a hot or cold meal for just £1 at Asda cafes. It comes as the chain says it's in a bid to keep children fed over the school break, allowing them to grab a meal from the cafes seven days a week with no minimum spending required. Details of the offer can be found in the news article:

Asda offers £1 hot meal to children this summer | Bradford Telegraph and Argus (thetelegraphandargus.co.uk)

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### ALL ABILITIES AGES 5-14 10AM-3PM

| Venue                    | Dates             | Days   | Cost        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|
| Crawshaw Academy         | 25 July - 27 July | 3 days | £20 per day |
| Marley Stadium           | 28 July - 29 July | 2 days | £20 per day |
| Howard Park Comm School  | 01 Aug - 03 Aug   | 3 days | £20 per day |
| Goals Bradford           | 04 Aug - 05 Aug   | 2 days | £20 per day |
| Woodhouse Grove          | 08 Aug - 10 Aug   | 3 days | £25 per day |
| Crawshaw Academy         | 11 Aug - 12 Aug   | 2 days | £20 per day |
| Ben Rhydding Sports Club | 15 Aug - 17 Aug   | 3 days | £20 per day |
| Marley Stadium           | 18 Aug - 19 Aug   | 2 days | £20 per day |
| Tong Leadership Academy  | 22 Aug - 24 Aug   | 3 days | £20 per day |
| Woodhouse Grove          | 25 Aug - 26 Aug   | 2 days | £25 per day |
| Crawshaw Academy         | 30 Aug - 02 Sep   | 4 days | £20 per day |
| Marley Stadium           | 30 Aug - 02 Sep   | 4 days | £20 per day |

All staff are FA/UEFA qualified coaches with enhanced DBS checks. Children will be recommended to our Football Development Programme or Bradford City Girls Development Centre if we feel they are of the required standard. All sessions are based around the children's ability and age.





