



the bbg bulletin

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E-safety

We have been working with our local community police officers on the dangers of social media. Please can we ask that parents are extra vigilant with regards to children accepting friend requests on social media outlets. Those messages are reinforced within the Academy. Useful information to support you if required can be found at:
<http://ikeepsafe.org/parents/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Food Bank Support

BBG Academy Community Champions will be collecting donations for the Food Bank at St Paul's Church. We would like to ask for any contributions of: cereal, soup, beans, rice, pasta, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or biscuits. Please send in all donations to reception before Friday 9th December.

Homework Club

Don't forget Homework Club runs everyday after school. Staff are available to support with all subjects in KS3 and 4.

FRIENDS OF BBG

Friends of BBG Academy (FoBBGA) are holding their annual Festive Pamper and Shop on Thursday 1 December (7-9pm.) Entry is £2 and there will be an array of stalls for you to visit. FoBBGA are asking for donations of raffle prizes, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, cakes for the cake stall and any super bakers for Christmas cake or mince pies. Please leave any donations with the school office. If you or someone you know, would be interested in having a stall at this event, please contact the school office. All money raised from this event will be used to help fund and enhance activities for our students.



GOOD LUCK

Many of our students demonstrate their resilience, both in and out of their Academy life. Good luck to Lucy Ormondroyd who is completing in a National Diving competition this weekend. And also all the best to Simon Toussaint at the gymnastic GB training camp.



Congratulations to Ellesha Blakeley who will be sadly leaving us in February after successfully auditioning and being accepted into CAPA (Cathedral Academy Performing Arts) in Wakefield. Ellesha will be greatly missed by all the pupils and staff at BBG and we wish her the best of luck at her new school.

YOU SAID, WE DID

At our recent Year 8 parents evening you kindly gave us feedback and as a result are in the process of making some changes.

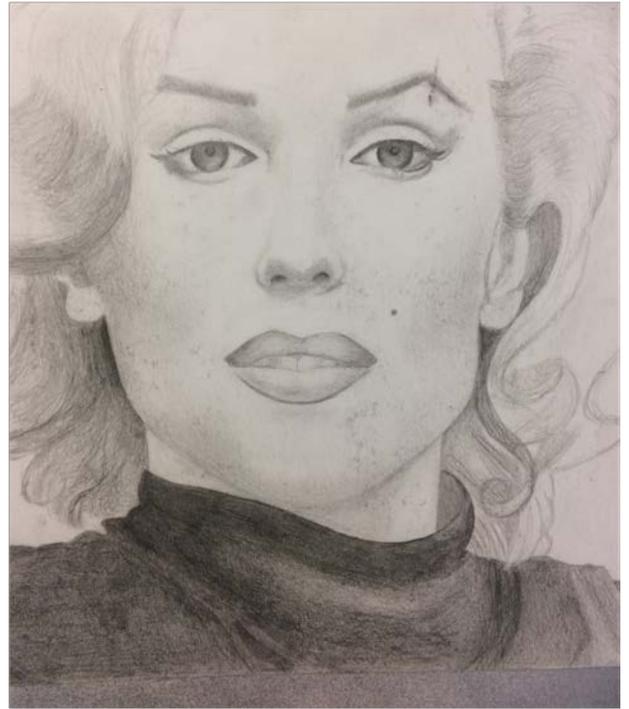
✓ You asked us to improve our parents evening booking system and waiting time, and you will be pleased to know that we have purchased an online system that will go live after Christmas which will allow you to book online to ensure appointment times are more structured to your convenience.

✓ You asked for hot drinks to be available at parents evening. We have put that in place as of immediate effect.

✓ You expressed some concern about another change in leadership and potential changes to the standards of discipline. Please be assured that standards will remain high and the direction and vision for the Academy remains consistent.

We would love to hear about and celebrate our students' successes out of school also. Please send any news items to bbgbulletin@bbgacademy.com

creativity corner



These drawings have been produced by Anna Rigby in Year 10 in support of her Art GCSE project, 'Wish You Were Here'. Anna is using Marilyn Monroe as her subject because she admires her iconic image.



Year 11 are preparing to start their second controlled assessment and are making dishes that can be altered to suit different dietary needs. Bakewell Tart is always a firm favourite and if eaten in moderation can be part of a balanced diet.

Some fabulous and somewhat adventurous knot bread was also expertly executed in Home Economics this week.



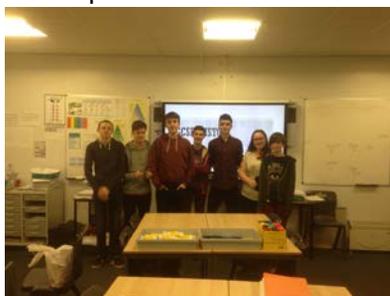
These images have been drawn by Molly Woodward in Year 10 as part of her Art GCSE 'Wish You Were Here Project'. She is basing her work around the musical Billy Elliott.

SUBJECT NEWS



Year 11 History Saturday school opened its doors last weekend.

Students in year 11 took the opportunity to come for some extra hints and tips on how to succeed in their exam. They took part in various activities with Mr Booth, showing great commitment to their learning. Pupils who participated were able to look at areas of their learning that they can improve as well as stretch their understanding in other areas. The first Saturday school proved a great success. Elliot Howard commented 'It was a useful session in a more relaxed atmosphere.'



History Saturday school



10E1 English class

In MFL students in different year groups have signed up to a vocabulary-learning group on www.memrise.com, which charts their weekly learning progress. Here is a snapshot of this week's GCSE German leader board.

Congratulations to all students making it onto the website front page.

Übung macht den Meister 😊

| Students | Study time (in the last 30 days) | Words learned | Words healthy in LTM | Difficult Words | Course progress | Points (in the last 30 days) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Orla-Maddie | 9h47m | 792 | 720 | 20+ | <div style="width: 53%;"><div style="width: 53%;"></div></div> 53% | 263618 |
| Megan-Gabriela | 5h06m | 631 | 548 | 20+ | <div style="width: 42%;"><div style="width: 42%;"></div></div> 42% | 236880 |
| Nlongstaff3 | 3h38m | 961 | 835 | 3 | <div style="width: 65%;"><div style="width: 65%;"></div></div> 65% | 140993 |
| marcush111 | 4h15m | 608 | 586 | 1 | <div style="width: 41%;"><div style="width: 41%;"></div></div> 41% | 118587 |
| Ken_Berrison | 1h55m | 502 | 2 | 16 | <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="width: 33%;"></div></div> 33% | 87199 |

Excellence in English

10E1 have been working extremely hard to achieve above and beyond their target grades. In the run up to exams Miss Cook has pushed, pulled and pedantically marked exam style responses for both language and literature.

"Blood, sweat and tears have gone into all of our lessons since September ... metaphorically of course," said Miss Cook. However, this has paid off with some remarkable indicators of progress to come.

In English Language, there is a writing section worth a whopping 40 marks (50% of the paper). This meant it was a great focus for the students. At the start of the academic year, 10E1 sat a 40 mark question and then again this half term. An overwhelming 100% of students made progress from their first attempt, with Josh Arlott Beal, Alice Brown and Orla McAndrew achieving Grade 8!

In English Literature, 10E1 have been studying the play Blood Brothers – this part of the literature paper is worth a colossal 34 marks. Similarly, students have completed two attempts at this response and an amazing 89% of students made progress. Alice Brown, Charli Franklin, Marcus Hanson, Ben Kerrison, Nadya Longstaff and Orla McAndrew all achieved grade 8!

Yet, that's not all: though some students may have not reached the golden grade 8, they have made tonnes of individual progress. For example, in English Language, Sam Barraclough, Adam Farrell, Georgia Harris, Ellie McGawley, James O'Reilly, Megan Peoples and Ellie Tutt have all progressed by three grades! In English Literature both Madi Ives and Olivia Jarratt have progressed by three grades too!

Miss Cook is exceptionally proud of 10E1 and stated: "I can admit that I have put 10E1 under a lot of pressure to perform, not just in exams, but every single lesson. I believe they have fantastic potential to achieve whatever they put their minds to. It's my job to make them realise that they can make outstanding progress when they put the work in, when they never give up and when they trust in themselves."

sports round up

Netball

Year 8

An incredible game by the Year 8 Netball A team winning with an astonishing score of 24-0 in front of plentiful spectators from all years. The girls played exceptionally well, showing consistency and sportsmanship against a strong Pudsey Grange field side. Players of the match Charlotte Smith and Chloe Wood showed great teamwork to convert opportunities into goals in elite fashion. An outstanding effort overall by all players well done.

Year 9

Another good match against a well formed Pudsey Grange field side, however the Year 9 Netball A team were slightly stronger on the day winning 21-16. The girls showed great resilience at times when both sides were evenly matched, however, due to their sheer hard work and determination BBG managed to control the game within the last quarter creating a comfortable goal difference of 5. Player of the match went to Laura Sweeney who upheld her consistent reputation ensuring opportunities were successfully executed. An exciting match for all spectators and an excellent effort by all players.

NEXT WEEKS FIXTURES

Wednesday 30th November

Rugby

Y7 Boys Away v Rodillian

Y8 Boys Away v Rodillian

Y9 Boys Away v Rodillian

Football

Y7 & a-side tournament away at St John Fishers

Netball

Y9 v Spen Valley at Home

Year 9 Champions



Huge congratulations to the year 9 boys 7 a-side football team who survived a tough sudden death penalty shoot out to progress to the semi finals. A superb save from Jake Smith carried them forward and a sound team performance, along with Thomas Edwards' two impressive goals, secured a win against Whitcliffe Mount and a place in the final. The final was played against Upper Batley. Solid performances from all the boys, with a special mention for captain Myles Miah and Ewan Evans. Both Thomas Edwards and Joshua Baldwin found the back of the net twice each and took home the title. Well done!

