



End of Year Update

July 2022

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As we near the end of the academic year, I wanted to be able to celebrate many of the wonderful things that have been happening around school, thanks to the hard work of our students and staff, as well as give a flavour of the work planned for September and beyond, which will be supported and challenged by our new governing board – further details in the new academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our fantastic students, staff and parents and carers who continue to make Bradfield School all that it is and to wish you all a happy and peaceful summer break.

Adrian May
Headteacher



Student Achievements

Student Recognition

- **Rewards** Over the last two weeks, alongside the positive points and thrive cards, staff have rewarded students who have demonstrated positive behaviours both in and out of lessons with raffle tickets. These have gone into a weekly draw and two winners from each year group are given a £10 voucher each week. We had over 7,000 raffle tickets last week which is testimony to the fabulous efforts of our students. All raffle tickets have been added to the 'Mega Prize Draw' where one lucky winner in each year will receive a £100 voucher at the end of term. The rewards morning on Thursday this week for all students will involve sports games and challenges, team building skills and a performance from the Year 11 band.
- **Form of the half term** Well done to **7WM, 8ZS, 9LP and 10JM** who were all awarded 'Form of the half term' after achieving the highest number of positive points per. student and will be treated to a 'celebration breakfast' during form time in the last week of term.
- **Half term prize draw** In the last half term alone, students received over 37,000 positive points, and every student who has a positive total number of points was entered into a prize draw. Three students in each year group were given a £10 voucher in Praise Assemblies last week.
- **Celebration Evening** Early notice that we will hold our Celebration Evening for on Thursday 29th September. Invitations sent out after the summer break to all families of students nominated for both academic and personal recognition.



Karen Carter: Assistant Headteacher Personal Development

Performing Arts

Lauren Pigott: Subject Lead Performing Arts

We finished the year on a real high with the Performing Arts Showcase. The students have worked hard all year rehearsing and putting this together. Despite a few set-backs, we managed to put on two performances where parents were invited into school to see the amazing talent we have here at Bradfield.

I just want to say how unbelievably proud I am of every student who was involved. I am overwhelmed by the talent we have at this school, and it is an honour to be their teacher.

A big thank you to all students and staff who were involved! :)



Primary Links

- **Year 6 Transition** The Summer term is always one which is full of excitement as we see our new cohort come onto school site for their transition days. They are always full of fun and laughter and this year was no exception. Students followed a timetable of activities including a welcome to Bradfield School, English, Science, Maths, PE, Orienteering and team building activities. All students threw themselves into the activities and made some fantastic first impressions. None of this could have been possible without the excellent leadership skills of some of our Year 7 and Year 10 students. They guided and led Year 6 students through their timetable of events and formed relationships which will be enhanced in September. Our Year 6 students will be on site for their Summer School on Wednesday 31st August and Thursday 1st September. If your child would like to volunteer as a student leader on these days, please ask them to see Mrs Lofthouse or email her at slofthouse@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk

Sarah Lofthouse: Associate Assistant Headteacher

- **Primary Athletics Events** A Bradfield tradition is for some of our current Year 7 students to assist in their feeder school Sports Days. We have had a total of one hundred students go out and support over the past three weeks. They were involved in leading and scoring athletics events. Volunteering is crucial for the running of sports events and helps to develop communication, teamwork, organisation and leadership skills. This is something we build on at Bradfield School in the running of the Sports Leaders Award from Year 9 onwards. Feedback from the primary schools has been really positive stating that 'the students involved in these activities did so with maturity and they acted as excellent role models for the younger children.' Well done to all those involved.

Andy Mitchell: Subject Lead for PE



Year 11 Leavers

- As the chapter at Bradfield comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff for their support over the last four years since I took on this year group. They have been a fantastic year group in all aspects, and I am extremely proud of all that they have achieved and will go on to achieve in the future. Watching them grow into young adults, ready to take their next steps in education and employment fills me with huge pride.
- As a collective we recently celebrated students' time at Bradfield with an assembly, featuring some of our own extremely talented musicians, culminating in a full year group rendition of 'Sweet Caroline'. The last hurrah was at Sheffield City Hall earlier this month for the prom where students enjoyed a 3-course meal, received awards and danced with their peers into the early hours.
- I look forward to seeing students back in school for GCSE results day on Thursday 25th August.



Extra Curricular

- We are so pleased to have begun the return of trips and visits in the second half of the academic year. Here is a small snapshot of some recent highlights.
- Within school, 60 Year 10s experienced a public speaking seminar as part of the work in Personal Development, whilst Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students had a great time visiting the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. Students participated in murder trial simulation, in a former court room and found out about how prisons had been reformed over the years. Learning about the legal system is a key part of their GCSE course. In June they also enjoyed being able to quiz local MP Olivia Blake about their Citizenship Action Projects.
- Year 9 students were able to visit London recently to watch 'The Woman in Black' at the Fortune Theatre to complement the study of this text in class.
- Sporting competitions have picked up in all areas this year, and the running club has regrouped too across all years. Earlier in the year, the Year 11 boys' football team did incredibly well to make it to the finals of the Clegg Shield, narrowly missing out to Westfield.
- Year 10 Geography students were able to undertake field trips to the coast as part of their GCSE studies whilst closer to home the Lego club completed their map of the world and celebrated with food!





Staffing and
site

Staffing

- We were pleased to welcome fifteen staff on our new staff induction day last week and look forward to introducing them to our community in September. However, it is always sad to wish good luck and goodbyes to staff leaving us at this time of year. We would like to thank all our departing staff for their hard work with us and pay particular tribute to two long standing staff: Anne Davies in Science has been with us since 2007 and moves to teach at another school, whilst Sarah Drabble, Subject Lead in Art, has been at Bradfield since 2008, and is changing careers. We also say goodbye to Helen Hayward our lunch time supervisor, who was been with us for decades! They will all be greatly missed by staff and students alike and we know they will be a wonderful addition in their new roles.
- We have been delighted to welcome a new addition to the Senior Leadership Team this term, who introduces herself below.
- My name is Gemma Furness and I've recently had the opportunity to join Bradfield School as an assistant Headteacher. This is an exciting opportunity for me, given that I am a former pupil and live within the community. I have worked in education in a variety of roles and have been in senior leadership within the Tapton School Academy Trust for the last fifteen years, leading on the improvement of teaching and learning and student progress. I am passionate about ensuring all students have the opportunity for a first class education whereby students fulfil their life chances and dreams.

Gemma Furness: Assistant Headteacher Student Progress



Developments to Site

- **Capital Projects** We have a number of exciting projects taking place over the summer and into the Autumn term.
- **Fencing** Over the summer holidays to address a number of safeguarding concerns regarding the access to the school building and the car park a fence is being put in place around the front of the school. The fence will run from the PE block around the edge of the car park to the steps up to the canteen. At the beginning and end of school there will be pedestrian access for students by the PE block, and there will be a staff/visitor pedestrian entrance opposite the reception.
- **Expanded Food Technology Provision** We are very excited that, this summer, work will be undertaken to expand the second Food Technology room from 12 to 24 stations. This enables the school to be able to offer Food Technology lessons to all of KS3 and meet the demand for Food Technology as an option in KS4. The department have already been busy buying equipment to fill the new cupboards ready for September.
- **CCTV** To support safeguarding in school with increased provision of CCTV, preparatory work will be undertaken over the summer holidays to allow the expansion of the school's cameras from 14 to 81 across all areas of the school. The aim is that these additional cameras are then installed in October half term.

Helen Durdy: Business Manager





Teaching and Learning

Visible Learning and Curriculum

Visible Learning Work has continued all year on embedding Learning Intentions and Success Criteria (LISCs) in every lesson as a key way to develop student independence. Quality assurance from our external partner at Osiris Education described these as having 'excellent visibility' in all lessons visited. Since March, staff have explicitly linked LISCs to the learning qualities needed to be a successful learner, and from September these will be displayed around the school following a successful bid to Trust to install professional artwork around the building. These six key qualities are : independence, team-work, resilience, learning from our mistakes, questioning and organised. Staff training around instructional feedback to and from students will be the next stage of our work with Osiris Education and across the Trust in 2022/3.

Senior Leadership Team The Team has been restructured for September 2022/3 to enhance capacity leading on teaching and learning. I am looking forward to leading my colleagues Gemma Furness (Assistant Headteacher for Student Progress) and Gemma Bott (Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum) in further developing the quality of education at Bradfield School. Congratulations to Gemma Bott for her recent promotion from Associate Assistant Headteacher. Both colleagues are already enhancing student experience and we are excited for our plans for the new year.

Curriculum Subject Leads and their teams have been very busy working with their counterparts across the Trust in the summer term working on the curriculum the students will experience. This is to ensure it is ambitious, developed in depth and sequenced to maximise retention such that all students can know, remember and do more over time. There is now more alignment in curriculum across all four secondary schools in Trust, to allow staff to work efficiently together, sharing resources, approaches and moderating student achievements.

Deborah Banks: Deputy Headteacher



Integrated Resource

- We are busy preparing to get our Integrated Resource (IR) Provision up and running for September so that we are ready to welcome children with significant learning difficulties into our school. We will offer a personalised learning pathway with opportunity for our students to integrate into mainstream life with an appropriate level of support. Our aim is to provide a flexible curriculum where learning is tailored to individual needs, and students can work with a high level of specialist adult support to ensure they are able to develop independent learning skills and have the confidence to participate successfully in the school community. There will be a specific focus on developing age-appropriate learning skills to improve student access and success in literacy across the curriculum through the use of assistive technology. The bespoke curriculum offer will aim to meet social, emotional as well as the academic needs of the students and offer an additional life skills curriculum that will support the young people to move successfully towards adult life.
- We have now recruited our IR teacher Ms Kelly who is an experienced primary trained teacher. She will coordinate the learning offer for the students in the resource. She joined us this half term to allow the school to prepare to receive students in September. This has allowed her to get to know some of our existing students and become involved in transition planning for our new students. We are in the process of recruiting additional Teaching Assistants who will provide a staffing ratio of approximately one member of staff to three children and details of these vacancies can be found on our website.



Joanne Hogg: Assistant Headteacher SENDCo



Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-Being



Door43 at Sheffield Futures

- **Door 43** We are pleased to be able to share with you that our Mental Health and Well-Being practitioner Kate Hedley will be continuing her work with our students from September the 2nd. This will continue to be a valuable resource for supporting and empowering our students to talk about their Mental Health in a safe and secure environment. For any information regarding access to this service in school please contact Safeguarding@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk
- **During the school holidays students can access one-to-one support by phone or video call with Door 43.** On Wednesdays, named Well-Being Wednesdays by the team, you can access one-to-one emotional support over the phone, text or video call. On a Wednesday morning, just call 0114 201 2800 to book a slot. Door 43 staff will then call you back for a 20 minute chat between 11am–1pm or 2pm-4pm.
- **You can access further support from our Mental Health and Well-Being website:** [Tipton School Academy Trust - Health and Wellbeing \(taptontschool.academytrust.org.uk\)](https://taptontschool.academytrust.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing)
- **LGBT+ & Allies** On the 7th of September Bradfield School will welcome back Amy Hood from the Sheffield United Community Foundation. Amy will continue to lead and develop our LGBTQ+ community awareness through group sessions every Wednesday and targeted assemblies throughout the year.



Anti-Bullying

- In the last few months, we have raised the awareness of anti-bullying with our students – firstly by giving more time in tutor times to discuss this important area plus dedicated assemblies to the topic. We have also streamlined processes for dealing with bullying in school.
- A parent forum has been set up to inform continued improvements and collaboration between home and school next year, with a particular focus on social media use. The key message from these parents was to improve communication with all parties when there is an instance of bullying in school. In addition, parents want to hear more on how to support their child at home, especially on social media. If you would like to contribute and be involved, I will be holding another parent forum in the first half term to share our future proposals.
- Next academic year, we will be launching a programme with our students who have volunteered to be Anti-bullying Ambassadors to support their peers and help further raise awareness.



Helen Tyrrell: Assistant Headteacher Relationships and Behaviour

Careers

- In Personal Development lessons this half term, KS3 students have been using an online careers programme called 'Kudos' and dive deeper into different career options, after completing a quiz about their 'likes' and 'dislikes'. They have also been investigating Labour Market Information and comparing Sheffield and the UK as a whole.
- In KS4, students have been working hard on their Personal Statements ahead of their Sheffield Progress applications at the start of Y11. All students should now have a log-in and can search courses on <https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/login>. The students have had visitors in assemblies from Post 16 providers in recent weeks and have had the opportunity to visit Forge Valley for a taster day. Tapton, King Edwards, Sheffield College and the Uniformed services Academy are all confirmed for next half term. Dates of the open evenings in October and November for all local providers will be shared with parents once confirmed.
- We are very pleased that Sarah Dempsey, our careers adviser, will be working with our students again next year and is now based in the library office. We have also launched our 'Bradfield Careers Newsletter' this term – look out for issue 3 in early September.
- We are also planning work experience opportunities for Y10 and Y11 students next academic year and would welcome offers of placements from parents/carers and friends of Bradfield School. Please email kcarter@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk if you are able to help.



Karen Carter: Assistant Headteacher Personal Development



Supporting
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Community

Fundraising: This year, we have been proud that, as a community, we have raised £1100 for Sheffield Children's Hospital and participated in the Bears of Sheffield Trail. We have raised £78 for the S6 foodbank through the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and £987 for Comic Relief. The non-uniform day in the last week of term will split monies raised between Weston Park Hospital, in memory of our lunch time supervisor Denise Beecham, and SayIt, a Sheffield LGBT+ charity – with members of GCSE Citizenship classes also holding a bake sale at break to raise money.

Vinci: Through Vinci, the company who manage our buildings, we have donated to the Ukraine appeal and S6 foodbanks.

Uniform donations: In line with DfE guidance that schools have to ensure the availability of second-hand uniform to purchase, Bradfield School are now working with the British Heart Foundation shop in Hillsborough [Hillsborough Charity Shop | BHF](#) who will take donations of school uniform. Any second hand uniform can be donated directly to the shop on Middlewood Road or brought into school and we will arranged for it to be collected and donated.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support.

