

Newsletter

Summer 2



Message from Sacha Schofield, Executive Headteacher

As we reach the end of an incredibly challenging academic year, I felt it important to acknowledge the challenges we have jointly faced and to celebrate the achievements of our school community at Bents Green.

This year will be remembered for many reasons, generally associated with the impact of the global pandemic. However, for Bents Green staff and students, we will remember this year as a time when our community came together and demonstrated incredible determination, commitment and courage.

The resilience of our students has been remarkable and it we have seen excellent engagement despite ongoing disruptions due to lockdown.

It was amazing to see our Year 11 and Year 14's undertake their exams and assessments with such bravery and resolve and heart-warming to see them celebrate their years at Bents Green during their leaving assemblies. We all wish them the very best for their next steps.

Unfortunately, there are still challenges ahead and the delay to our Gleadless expansion has meant that a small number of our students due to transition to Gleadless, will have to remain at the Ringinglow site until after October half term. These students will continue to experience a high quality education with their allocated staff team with further planed transition visits to Gleadless to ensure they are fully supported during this period.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff at Bents Green who have gone over and above to ensure that they have built and maintained relationships and nurtured our students through the most difficult of time.

Finally, I would also like to thank you for your understanding of the challenges we have faced as a school due to COVID-19.

Relationships are the foundation of our school and we continue to value your input and support. Have a wonderful, safe Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

10LFH Step Up Course

We are pleased to see five members in Y10 have successfully completed an accredited course run by DWP Job Centre Plus staff. The course covered every aspect of how to find suitable employment as well as experiencing a meaningful work placement. Two of our students designed posters for the course and an animation advert which will be used to showcase future courses. Other students were involved in horticultural activities, they planted a variety of vegetables and made carefully planted hanging baskets. One student commented "I never knew plants were so interesting. I enjoyed planting things and watching them grow.

Well done to all the students who took part.



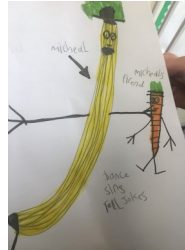


'Bents Green students showed that they do indeed have talent as shown in our performances. Acts included singing, dancing, joke telling, record scratching, impressions and much much more. Well done to all students who took part in the recording; we hope to see the return of the live version next year.

South Yorkshire Climate Change Conference

Some of our students took part in the Schools Climate Conference this month. They learnt about the wide variety of local organisations and prominent individuals doing amazing work in climate change, education and related fields.

It was a great opportunity for our students to be part of the climate solution. And take part in @madamezucchini workshop.



Lateral flow testing in September

The Government has set out instructions about students returning to School and the requirement for 2 lateral flow tests to be completed at the start of the new school year. We will be in touch when we have further details.



@Bentsgreensch twitter feed will be taking a summer break along with the students. It will be up and running again in September with relevant information and student news.

Beat the Street

We are doing well with our Beat The Street points, everyone can continue to collect points until 28th July and it is a great opportunity to get out and about. You can gain points for your team by walking, cycling, running or any active mode to any of 450 'Beat Boxes' across the city. The game is free to play, and you can collect cards and maps from distribution points across the city.



We would like to encourage students, staff and families at your school to create or join our team and see who can collect the most points over the 6 week period. You can find out how to join or register a team and locate your nearest distribution point on our website at: <https://www.beatthestreet.me/sheffield/>



Forest School

This week we heard that the Forest School Association has endorsed BGS as a recognised Forest School provider.

We are delighted to say that our Forest School provision continues to be acknowledged by the Forest School Association and we are a nationally recognised provider. This means that Forest School sessions at BGS are delivered in line with the 6 core principles.

1. Long-term process
2. In natural setting
3. Supports holistic development
4. Offers supported risk taking
5. Learner-centred approach
6. Run by a qualified practitioner

We are 1 of only 2 Special Schools nationally to be recognised in this way.

Head over to their website to see us on the map! Also it provides really useful information including training details.

www.forestschoolassociation.org



Upcoming dates

Wed 1 Sept, Training Day—no students (Ringinglow, Gleadless and Westfield Hub)

Thur 2 Sept, Training Day –no students (Ringinglow, Gleadless and Westfield Hub)

Fri 3 Sept, Training Day –no Y8-Y14 students (Ringinglow, Gleadless and Westfield Hub)

Fri 3 Sept, New Y7 Ringinglow Students in school

Mon 6 Sept, All students return to school (Ringinglow and Gleadless)

Mon 6 Sept, Y7 & Y11 students return to Westfield

Tues 7 Sept, Y8, Y9, Y10 students return to Westfield

Mon 20 Sept, Y9 Immunisations

Wed 22 Sept, School photos

Fri 8 Oct, Literacy Day (Ringinglow)

Mon 18 to Fri 22 Oct, Exceptional closure days due to Gleadless move (Ringinglow and Gleadless only)

Mon 25—Fri 29 Oct, HALF TERM



8HA Artwork for Learning Difficulties Art Week

Well done to all the students in 8HA who produced this amazing Jackson Pollock inspired art. It was entered in the Mencap Learning Difficulties Art Week earlier this half term. The students loved taking turns to splash the paint and it even inspired some students who wouldn't normally take part.



Free School Meals vouchers

Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a Summer voucher. There is a step by step guide on our website at [Free School Meals](#) if you need further help.

Covid-19 Step 4

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. One of the key changes is that schools will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing, this will now sit with NHS Test and Trace.

If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and all members of their household can stop self-isolating. If the PCR result is positive, they and all members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

- If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and all members of the household should self-isolate.
- You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating. If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), all members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.

PCR tests can be booked online through the **NHS Test & Trace website** or by calling **119**.

PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, **but you must communicate the result to Bents Green School too by emailing headteacher@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk**

