

# Newsletter

## Autumn 1



### Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

It has been a great start to the school year. We would like to say how well our new year sevens have settled in to school life at Bents Green. We hope that all families have managed to speak to tutor teams and are feeling welcomed and supported into our school community.

All of our students have successfully transitioned into their new school year and classes and are getting to know staff teams and making new friends. We look forward to supporting our new Year 7 students who are joining us at Gleadless after half term.

Some highlights from this half term include; our first RS drop-down day at Ringinglow which was really successful and involved students experiencing different art activities. Students at Gleadless have been enjoying their trips to college, exploring future options. Westfield students have settled into the new school year and are accessing mainstream lessons successfully.

We would like to thank those of you who attended our coffee mornings at both Ringinglow and Gleadless sites, we are looking forward to the next ones coming up. Further details about these are on our website and communications will be sent via email/text throughout the next half term.

We wish all our families in the Bents Green community a good half term break.

### School Gateway Payment System Update

From September 2023, we have been using a new online payment system called School Gateway which enables parents/carers to pay for school meals and other school activities. Thank you to those who have already downloaded the app, logged in and made payments for school meals. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please follow the instructions below to do so:

The app is free to download, and can be found by searching "School Gateway" in your App store, or by using the links below:

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

**You will need your email address and mobile telephone number to set up your account, these must be the same as the details we use to contact you at Bents Green School.** If we do not have your most up to date details, please email [bgill@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:bgill@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk) and we will amend them accordingly. We will contact you when they have been updated so that you can try again. If you do not have a smart phone you can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site. You will still need your email address and mobile telephone number to set up your account.



### Upcoming Dates

**Thu 2nd Nov** — Parent/Carer Nexus Trust Coffee Morning, 10:00-11:30

**Wed 8th Nov** — Post 16 Options Meeting (Gleadless)

**Fri 17th Nov** — Children in Need

**Fri 24th Nov** — Training Day (School closed to Students)

**Mon 27th Nov** — Y11 & Post 16 Leavers Celebration Evening (Gleadless) 18:00-19:00

**Tue 28th Nov** — Student Flu Vaccinations (Ringinglow & Gleadless)

**Wed 29th Nov** — Parents' Evening: Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9

**Tue 5th Dec** — Ringinglow Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon — 13:30-14:30

**Wed 6th Dec** — RS Drop Down Day

**Wed 13th Dec** — Post 16 Christmas Fayre 14:00-15:00 (Gleadless)

**Fri 15th Dec** — Student Flu Vaccinations (Westfield)

**Sat 23rd Dec-Mon 8th Jan** — Christmas Break

### New Play Equipment

As per communications during the Summer holidays, this half term, the students at Ringinglow have been able to enjoy our new playground equipment! Over the Summer holidays, a new climbing frame was installed as well as our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). The students have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in these new areas during breaks and playtimes, and have had fun climbing, and playing football and basketball on the MUGA.



### News from 10HP



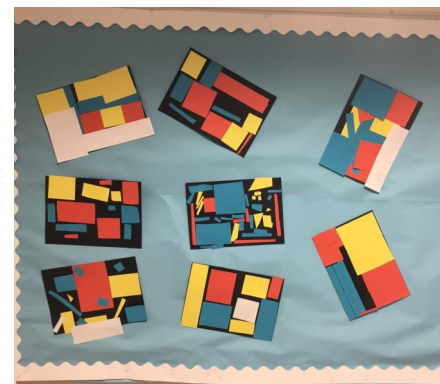
This half term, 10HP have been learning about Pop Art. They have looked at the work of Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein. They then created some amazing pieces of Pop Art themselves. All the students enjoyed this style of art.

### News from 7DP

This half term, 7DP have been reading the Roald Dahl classic, Fantastic Mr. Fox as part of their English lessons. The students created some 'terrible tractors' of their own to catch those pesky foxes!



For their Art lessons, 7DP have been studying Abstract Art, and have created some Mondrian-inspired collages of their own!



During Dance this half term, 7DP have been learning about traditional dances from around the world! Here, they are using tambourines to dance the Tarantella Dance which is from Italy.



Everyone worked hard to remember each dance step, as well as co-ordinating shaking the tambourines in time to the music. Great job 7DP!

### News from 8AP

This half term, 8AP have been learning about Aboriginal Art, and created different patterns using dots and colours! They have also listened to Aboriginal music and created their own boomerangs!



For Food Tech, 8AP have been practising cutting, slicing and chopping foods. We have followed recipes and the students have independently been making hot drinks!



In Science, 8AP have been learning about the digestive system, and even created their own 'poo' using Weetabix, Coke, food colouring and water. The students loved how the substance turned green by the end of the lesson.

8AP have had a great first half term. Well done!

### News from P4DS

P4DS have had a great start to the new school year at Bents Green.

In 'My Numeracy', they have been looking at a wide range of shapes including 2D, 3D and different shapes in the environment.

The students have made shapes out of Play-Doh. On their 'Shape Hunts', they managed to find lots of different shapes around school and at the park and farm too!



In 'My Independence' P4DS have been enjoying trips out on the minibus and walks to the park.

In 'My World and Me', P4DS have been learning about personal hygiene. Their focus has been hand washing and teeth brushing. Recently, they have made giant teeth using cardboard boxes, painted them white and then kept them clean.

### News from 11FM

This half term, 11FM have been looking at Architecture in Art. They therefore visited a range of buildings in Sheffield City Centre.



11FM were particularly impressed with both the interior and exterior of Sheffield Cathedral. The students were able to photograph lots of shapes and patterns from the roofs, ceilings, windows and doors. The class are now taking inspiration from the buildings to come up with ideas for their own house fronts that will be made out of clay!



The class also had a lot of fun being part of the angel display!

**Free School Meals vouchers**—Just a reminder that Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a half term voucher. If you would like help with that code, please call Gleadless site on 0114 2357028 and ask for Clare who can help you. SCC have stated that the funding they receive for these food vouchers is currently only expected to continue until March 2024, meaning that the February half-term vouchers may be the last issue.