

Newsletter



Autumn 1

Message from the Headteacher

The beginning of a new school year always brings about much change, this year there has been a huge amount to our school community. We have welcomed our biggest cohort of Y7 students, 29 new members of staff and a new site! It has been wonderful to see the school filled with our young people and welcome all our new starters.

Our students have adjusted well and showed such resilience with changes to timetabling, lunch and break times and other routines, we are very proud of them all. We are pleased that they have been able to access Forest Schools, Food Tech, PE lessons and World of Work activities within their bubbles at Ringinglow. The other great achievement is that our Gleadless site is up and running for our Y11 and one Post 16 class. The newly created bubble are getting used to their new surroundings and are thriving.

In all the excitement of being back at school it is still very important for everyone to remember the restrictions we need to adhere to, to keep us all safe in the face of Coronavirus. We continually update our website and encourage all parents/carers to regularly view the following page bentsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/Covid-19

We hope you have a good half term break.

Sacha Schofield



Litter Pick at Sheaf

Litter picking Some of Post 16 at Sheaf have been doing some voluntary work around Roe Woods and the local area litter picking. It has been part of the Great British September Litter Pick.



News from Westfield Hub

We are really proud of all our students at the Westfield Hub who have been working hard in all of their mainstream lessons. Several have received 'Teacher Shout Outs' from Westfield teachers who have been impressed with their attitude to learning. Well done everybody!



Marie Old Westfield Discovery Hub Leader

World of Work week—19th – 23rd October 2020

We have had a very different WOW week this year due to the restrictions placed upon us to keep everyone as safe and well as possible. The students have adapted to the virtual and remote learning we have accessed. We are proud to tell you we are the only school in Sheffield to attempt virtual Careers learning this term.

Classes have had between 4-6 encounters with employers and employees – learning from bespoke videos and presentations that have been created specifically for our students, as well as live Microsoft Teams and Zoom calls.

We have engaged with employers within animal care settings – a zoom call with Thelma from the Guide Dogs charity, informing the students about the many different roles, how to volunteer and reminders not to distract a Guide Dog in training or whilst working.



Some Year 7 and Year 8 classes learnt about life working at Thornberry Animal Sanctuary and then completed some of these jobs outside in our pop up stable – mucking out (fake) horse poo, making horse feed, creating a hay bag and finding and identifying equipment.

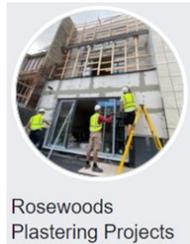
Some students have embraced some tasks linked to housekeeping – using our school's Lodge – making and stripping a bed. This has involved the students remembering the process and working together as a team. Can they replicate this task at home?!

Emma at Yorkshire Water created a bespoke presentation with short videos for the Y7 and Nurture classes. She used some great special effects by changing her background to visually show the students photos of her team and her different work environments. She told us about the different careers at Yorkshire Water, we watched a video about an employee with ASC and then answered our many questions at the end of the presentation.



Robertson Construction provided us with videos, a presentation and a large cube where the students had to work together efficiently to reassemble it to how it was. This was a very fun and challenging activity for all involved!

We have also enjoyed presentations and tasks linked to the various companies below:



Thank you for supporting our careers curriculum and continuing the conversations and tasks at home. We look forward to engaging with further companies in National Careers Week in March 2021. Our students made lots of comments too

"It's awesome!"

"I want to visit these animals, look after them and feed them."

"I liked being able to ask questions to Yorkshire Water."

"I want to be a builder."

"I would like to work with dogs."

"I would now like to work on a farm."

"I enjoyed learning about how to make a bed."

Coronavirus (COVID-19) absence

We have accessible resources and information on our website that can help with identifying symptoms and actions required, just visit bentsgreenschool.co.uk/page/?title=Covid%2D19+NHS+Guidance&pid=61

Stay Safe Sheff Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recognising Symptoms			
Symptom	Coronavirus (COVID-19)	Cold	Flu
Fever (37.5C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
Coughing	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
Change in sense of taste/smell	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Tiredness	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common

Source: World Health Organisation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
3/16/21

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Great news for our school. FOBG have signed up to smile.amazon.co.uk if you use this link when you buy are shopping online at Amazon then they donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to our school.

FOBG are also pleased to announce that in 2019/2020 the school lottery raised over £1,400. Buying a ticket enters you for 2 draws, all for just £1 a week. Signing up to the lottery means FOBG can assist the school with additional resources, projects and extras for our students across all sites. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming dates

Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct HALF TERM

Mon 2 Nov, School photos (Ringinglyow)

Thur 19 Nov, Y9 Immunisations

Thur 14-Wed 27 Nov, Westfield Y11 Mock exams

Wed 2 Dec, Ringinglyow Parents Evening 3.30—6pm*

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Dec, Virtual Christmas Fair, - more details to follow*

Thur 10 Dec, Christmas Lunch, Ringinglyow site

Fri 11 Dec, Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

Wed 16 Dec, Christmas Concerts, Ringinglyow site *

Mon 21 Dec-Fri 1 Jan, CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mon 4 Jan, Westfield students back to school

Mon 4 Jan, INSET DAY, Ringinglyow, Gleadless and Sheaf only—school closed for students

* **Some of these will be virtual or students only**



Sign up to the school lottery at bentsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/fobg



Forest school—whatever the weather

As the weather is changing and it gets colder and wetter please can we remind parents/carers to make sure your child comes to school prepared for the elements. There's no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing! (As they say in #Sweden!)



Makaton at Bents Green

This year we have started teaching two key Makaton signs a week. So far we have learnt - good morning, good afternoon, school, toilet, yes, no, eat, drink, stop and go.



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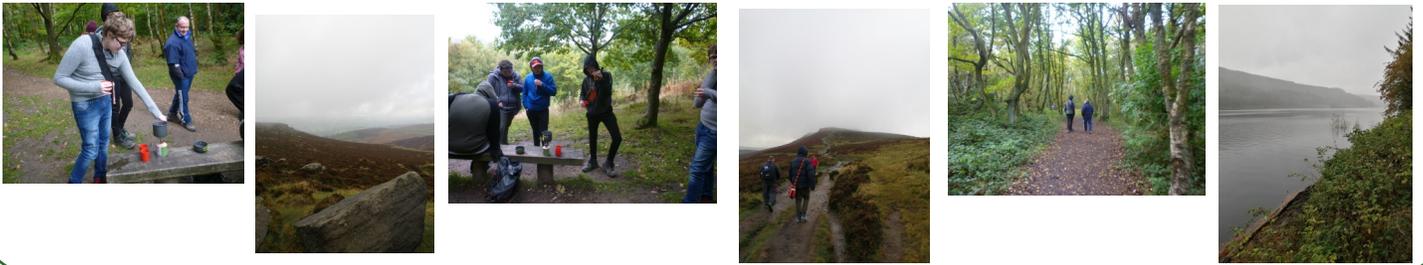
If you are interested in helping out and joining the FOBG group, please email fobg@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk to help out

Y11 Prom fundraising

At Gleadless our Y11 team are already starting work on fundraising for our Y11 students to have a good send off in June 2021 from the school. Watch this space for further details of raffles and sales.

Post 16 at Sheaf Training

This half-term Post 16 students at Sheaf have been walking in Derbyshire and Sheffield for their PE/Enrichment lessons. They have visited Burbage, Hordron Edge, Derwent Valley and Grenoside Woods.



Forest School News

As Rachel Carson says in her book, *The Sense of Wonder* "It is not half so important to know as to feel."

At Bents Green School we are so lucky to have such wonderful grounds creating a special place to learn.

Over recent weeks it has been an absolute joy to be spending time outside with groups and colleagues, gaining the much needed headspace that provides. Our sessions have been a true antidote to being cooped up inside as a result of Covid 19. Forest School uses a holistic approach allowing us to consider our feelings, perceptions and understanding of the world whilst in nature. I have been very impressed with how well all students have embraced their Forest School time. Going into Winter after the half term break we will be playing more energetic games, using tools and hopefully some cooking on the fire. Keep an eye on school's Twitter page to see pictures and news of what we are up to!

Emily Whiteley, Forest School and Outdoor Learning Teacher



Students and staff playing Giants, Wizards and Dwarves



Sycamore staff enjoying time together during a Forest School training session



Dance now on the PE curriculum

This academic year we have introduced Dance into the curriculum and this is delivered to Y7, Y8, Nurture and Sycamore tutor groups. The focus this term is the History of Dance and Dance Around the World. Students have had the opportunity to observe traditional dances from across the globe and then followed tutorials to learn steps and routines from countries including India, Russia, Brazil and China.

It has been a pleasure teaching this new subject to our students and I have been impressed with how well they have engaged and taken on board some really tricky dances! (staff have also done well, might I add)

Sonia Thomas-Coleman, Curriculum Specialist PE

