

# Newsletter

## Summer 1



### Message from Sacha Schofield, Executive Headteacher

We have had an exciting, dare I say normal half term and are really pleased to have celebrated Earth Day with Rotherham & Sheffield Wildlife Trust and Molly, from Our Cow Molly. The students made butter, milked Molly the mechanical cow, milled wheat to make flour and learnt about food provenance.

Our Health and Wellbeing Day this week at Ringinglow helped our students to understand the importance of healthy lifestyles choices, exercise and mental health awareness. Gleadless will take part in similar activities on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June and you can see what they have been doing on our Twitter feed [@bentsgreensch](https://twitter.com/bentsgreensch) where we post up to date information on the activities our students take part in. We are saying goodbye to our Y11 students at Westfield Hub today, we are proud of them all and how hard they have worked for their GCSE's. We wish them all the best for the future.

When we return after the half term our Y11 and Y14 students will have their assessment week. They have worked so hard since our return from the 2<sup>nd</sup> national lockdown and we know they will make us proud. We will say goodbye to all other Y11 and Y14 students on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Looking forward, I hope to be able to share with you soon our arrangements for our students return in September.

I hope you enjoy a warm, sunny half term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back for the final half term of this school year.

### Earth Day 2021

We had a wonderful day on Thursday 22 April celebrating Earth Day 2021. The focus this year was "Restore Our Earth". In collaboration with the Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust and Our Cow Molly Dairy Farm our students in KS3, Nurture and Sycamore took part in interactive workshops. They milked Molly the mechanical cow, made butter, learnt about crops and what they are used for, worked on responsible food and consumer choices and furthered their knowledge about climate literacy and environmental issues such as waste and recycling activities. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful day and all the students who took part had a great time.

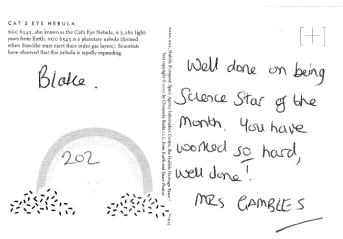


## Congratulations

Congratulations to Blake Taylor Y11 and Noah Marples in Y8 on achieving the Head Teachers award this half term. Blake Taylor has been working hard in all his lessons and won a science star of the month for his attitude to learning from his teacher.

Our Y10 students have worked so hard during this term working towards their GCSE English assessments they have been dedicated and focused on their learning.

George Chidlaw our Y7 student has an amazing attitude to learning in every lesson, he has shown resilience throughout this year, and he has stayed positive and focused even though he's had to endure lots of changes.



## Positive Covid-19 test result

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 up to and including **Wednesday 2nd June**, please can you email

[headteacher@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk) with your child's name and class. Thank you

## Half term lateral Flow tests

A reminder to carry on using the lateral flow tests during the half term break on Wednesday and Sunday and to report results to NHS and school by emailing [hometesting@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:hometesting@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk)

If you haven't previously given consent for your child to carry out these tests and would like to start, please email the above address and we will provide you with the relevant consent form and tests.

## Online Safety

Welcome to our first online safety article, which is a new regular feature of our newsletter. Please make sure you check out some of the new links and information available on our website too.

We want to draw your attention to free parents courses available from National Online Safety, these should provide you with plenty of help in supporting positive conversations and keeping your son or daughter safe online.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=&sort=new&cat=online-safety-courses&type=>

### Starting a conversation about online safety

It can be hard to know the best way to start a conversation with your child about what they're doing online. The best advice is to try to start talking about it regularly, making it a normal everyday topic of conversation. This will also mean they are more likely to come and talk to you if they need help or guidance. Some ideas of how to start conversations:

- Ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online, or games/apps they're currently playing
- Talk about sites or games you enjoy, or ones you don't enjoy and why
- Discuss things that may make them worried, and let them know they can come to you to talk
- Ask them about their friends online and how they know they are who they say they are
- Discuss what they think is ok for young people of different ages to do, so they feel involved in the decision making
- Discuss digital footprints, and what they say about people
- Ask them what they trust online
- Ask them if they know how to report bad things, or how to block people

Please remember if you have any online safety concerns you can discuss these with your tutor team, or any of the designated Safeguarding leads in school.



### PE on the move

This half term some students went to Lea Green Activity Centre to take part in rock climbing and team building activities. Students have also visited Fulwood Sports Club to take part in Squash led by Sam Gardiner. It's been a great opportunity for our students to take part in new sports and they have thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to all students involved.



### Beat the Street

This summer, from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> July, the whole city of Sheffield will be transformed into a game, to encourage all people to enjoy being active and explore the fantastic green spaces Sheffield has to offer. 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 pupils, staff and families at your school to create or join a 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/>

### Upcoming dates

**Mon 31 May — Fri 4 June HALF TERM**

**Mon 7 June**, students return to school

**Mon 7—Fri 11 June**, Y11/Y14 Assessment

**Tues 22 June**, Live now music concert for bubble 1

**Wed 23 June**, Parents Evening all sites

**Fri 25 June** - Y11/Y14 leaving day (Gleadless)

**Fri 16 July**, Last day of term, all sites

**Sat 17 July, SUMMER HOLIDAY**

### Health and Wellbeing Day (Ringinglow)

This week we were delighted to have our annual Health and Wellbeing Day at our Ringinglow site. The students took part in activities inside and out promoting awareness of healthy eating, mental health and general wellbeing. The students took part in Karate lessons, mindfulness, high energy dance classes and our own golden mile, some students choose to run others walk.



### Free School Meals vouchers

Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a half term voucher. Please call Ringinglow Road site on 0114 2363545 from and ask for Thea or Juliette who can help you access them.

### Outgrown or no longer needed Uniform

If your child is leaving us or has outgrown their current school uniform, the school would be very pleased to receive any donations. These can be handed in at either Ringinglow or Gleadless Reception desks for the attention of Cathy Varley.