



November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

It was a very busy, yet productive half term, during which I witnessed some excellent examples of our 'ARCK' values in action, excellent attitudes towards learning and some excellent progress being made as a result.

Our PA2L system continues to celebrate the vast majority of students who consistently "get it right" day in, day out. We are delighted that no fewer than 762 students achieved the first threshold of 200 net points to be eligible for our first reward. 450 net points will be needed by the 13 December for our Christmas film "Cinema Experience". Net points are calculated by total positives minus any negative points. Please continue to monitor your child's ARCK Record and ClassCharts on a daily basis and encourage them to work towards this reward.

Mock Exams

Year 11 students have just begun their first important mock exam season and have conducted themselves admirably so far. These will provide a very important benchmark from which students can identify areas for improvement in time for the summer series, whilst also being an important rehearsal for exam technique, time-planning and routines.

PA2L/ClassCharts Detentions

As communicated before the half term holiday via letter, text and email, detentions will now only be notified via the ClassCharts app making it essential that all parents download and access the app as soon as possible to monitor their child(ren)'s rewards and behaviour.

Detentions will continue to be set for the following school day giving plenty of notice to parents/carers. This is so parents/carers have time to make alternative arrangements to pick up younger siblings, arrange to pick up after detention etc. Students are expected to attend their detention on the original date set as notified via ClassCharts, therefore the set date will not be changed unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The 'ClassCharts for Parents' app is available in all the usual app stores and is free to download and install. The code to link your app to your child(ren)'s profile is available from school and will also be written into their ARCK records again at the start of the new half term. Please see previous communications on our school website about this.

Prefect Inauguration

We are thrilled to announce that our Student Parliament will attend their official inauguration at Bradford City Hall on Monday, 25 November. This prestigious event celebrates the dedication of our student leaders and will take place in the esteemed presence of parents, carers and school governors.

During the ceremony, our Student Parliament members will be presented with their badges and certificates. Following this, they will participate in their first training session within the historic Council Chambers and Magistrates Court, marking an exciting beginning to their journey in leadership.

Our Student Parliament Team comprises fifty dedicated prefects, including two Head Prefects and eight Senior Prefects. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their commitment and look forward to recognising their contributions during the inauguration.

Head Prefects:

Year 10 Veronika S	Year 11 Aminah A
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Senior Prefects

Year 8 Maya O	Year 9 Ava S	Year 10 Melody R Katriya W Kyle W Hannah S Amelia W	Year 11 Leon P
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Prefects:

Year 7 Emily T Bobby M Godiva O Andre W Black W Shontay S Lily-Jo F Albert B Lola B	Year 8 Bolarin S Ved T Oliver D Hollie E Evie-Grace B Lleyton C Lexie M Kale P Preston T	Year 9 Veer K Katie R Charlie M Mary C Dua F Abigail H Mia-Rose H Celestine O Kayden W	Year 10 David A Jayden G Courtney H Samantha L Qudsia S Eleeha S Michelle U Alison D Charlie V Noah C	Year 11 Zulqarnain M Iba S
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Prize Giving

Our annual Prize Giving took place on 17 October in Bradford Cathedral. As ever, this was a truly uplifting event during which we celebrated the achievements and successes of our students in such a beautiful building. The event included a guest speaker, Cameron Scott who is a BBEC Alumni and professional Rugby League player. As always, the pupils showed all our values during the rehearsal in the day and the evening celebration. The music performances and prefects who spoke at the event were exceptional. The event had the highest attendance to date and was enjoyed by pupils, staff and parents alike.

Attendance & Punctuality

At BBEC, Attendance and Punctuality is a strong focus, and it is 'everyone's business'. This means that all pupils benefit from the education and experiences BBEC offers, develop important life skills and are safeguarded effectively. Alongside this, we place Attendance and Safeguarding together. This means that truancy and punctuality are tracked, measured and reacted to, to ensure that we know where our students are, all of the time.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that our approach at BBEC with regards to Attendance and Punctuality is always 'support first'. This means that we will do everything in our power to work with you, to support your child attending school. We are privileged to have a wide number of resources to offer to you if you are struggling with getting your child to attend school. We have resources to support children with anxiety, mental health issues, and much more. Please email studentattendance@bbec.bdat-academies.org and we will be happy to talk to you in more detail about what we can offer to support you.

Finally, we are pleased to report that we continue to have a large proportion of students at BBEC who attend school, above our target of 97%. We extend our thanks to all our parents/carers in supporting Attendance and Punctuality.

Act of Remembrance

At 11am on Monday 11 November, we will be showing our respect for those who have fallen with a two minute silence. Lessons will pause and students will be asked to reflect. It is important that all students show this respect and we expect everyone to behave appropriately.



AMBITION

RESILIENCE

COURTESY

KINDNESS

Minimum Entitlement

We have an extended range of extracurricular activities during the autumn/winter term for students to attend. We have had a large cohort of students already attending before or after school activities where they have an opportunity to excel and boost their skills in all kinds of ways, even meeting new friends and socialising, becoming better at something they are passionate about, or starting a completely new hobby. Our list of exciting and ever growing extra-curricular school activities/clubs can be found posted around the school. It is an exciting way for us as a school to promote overall positive well-being and create an atmosphere of togetherness amongst the students.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are very excited to announce that the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award scheme is now back and will be underway from the 18 of November. This will be the first meeting for all students and mentors and the chance to assign them to their groups for the upcoming expeditions. The first practice expedition will be held on the 1 and 2 May 2025 and then the final assessed expedition will take place on the 10 and 11 July 2025 at the Sconce scout hut in Baildon Moor.

Dates for diaries

4 – 15 November	Yr11 Mock Exams
11 November	Remembrance Day – whole school 2 minutes silence
14 November	Flu Clinic
15 November	BBC Children in Need Day
20 November	Aspirations Evening 5.30pm-7pm
22 November	City of Culture semi-final (invitation only)
22 November	Yr11 Leeds to Success Session 3 5.30pm-6.30pm (invitation only)
25 November	Prefect Inauguration at City Hall (invitation only)
4 December	Yr9 Careers Speed Networking 9am-12.30pm
10 December	Panto 4pm & 7pm – tickets available from student reception
11 December	Citizens UK Relationships Reset Conference
12 December	National Christmas Jumper Day – Students can swap their BBEC jumper for a Christmas jumper!
12 December	Community Christmas meal 4pm-6pm (invitation only)
20 December	Break up for Christmas holidays!
6 January 2025	School opens for all students – Welcome back & Happy New Year
8 January	Yr10 Leeds to Success Session 1 5.30pm-6.30pm (invitation only)
9 January	Yr9 Leeds to Success Session 1 5.30pm-6.30pm (invitation only)
14 January	BDAT Be There
14 January	Yr10 Leeds to Success Session 2 5.30pm-6.30pm (invitation only)
17 January	BBEC Bitesize Careers Roadshow

I am looking forward to seeing you at some of the above events. In the meantime, here's to a successful few weeks leading up to Christmas!

Yours faithfully



Andrew Taylor
Headteacher