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All the latest news & events from BGGS

October 2010

The Leader...

EXAM SUCCESS

We continue to uphold our tradition of excellent results and as we move into the new school year it is only fitting that we take time to congratulate our GCSE and A level students, and celebrate their success.

We are delighted to announce that 86% of our sixth form pupils achieved first choice university places this September. We wish them every success for the future.



At A-level

- We celebrate a 100% pass rate
- 48% of the grades were achieved at A*/A
- 77% were achieved at A*/A/B
- 37% achieved all at A*/A
- Special congratulations go to Alex Green on achieving all A*

At GCSE

- 24% achieved all A*/A
- 41% achieved 9 or more at A*/A
- 50% achieved 8 or more at A*/A
- 60% achieved seven or more at A*/A
- Special congratulations to Angharad Stell and Rohini Aggarwal on achieving all A*

New Website



The new Bradford Girls' Grammar School website will be launched on 8th November 2010. It reflects our vision to move the school forward with confidence whilst honouring its 135 year history.

Separate sections have been created for the Preparatory School, the Senior School, Sixth Form and Alumni and an online school calendar will also be available which will keep parents abreast of school events. See the website from 8th November at www.bggs.com.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Congratulations and well done to Sonal Patel and Tamara Smith - winners of the KS3 Resistant Materials category at the Inspirations 2010 competition held on Wednesday 7th July 2010, their project, Aztec Mobile won first prize.

Congratulations also go to Olivia Pearson and Teah Colilles for their win in the Out of School Project category with their project, Soap Box.



Sonal Patel and Tamara Smith



Olivia Pearson and Teah Colilles

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION SUCCESS – Malawi

In July fifteen pupils from U5, L6 and U6 took part in the Bradford Girls' Grammar School World Challenge expedition to Malawi. The trip which ran for one month sought to widen pupil's experience whilst giving back to the local Malawi community.

The expedition involved two main phases; the first was a gruelling six day trek on the Mulanje Massive – the tallest mountain range in central and eastern Africa culminating in Sapitwa Peak at 3002 metres. The second was the project phase where Bradford Girls' Grammar School pupils helped to build a teacher's house and reorganise and redecorate the library and classrooms at Kaphirintiwa Secondary School in the Salima District of Malawi.

Mrs Rimmer and Mrs Jackson believe the experience has been life changing for the pupils involved. Indeed parents have said that their daughters have returned "much more mature."

Mrs Rimmer said "girls from Bradford Girls' Grammar School took part in World Challenge to gain life experience through travel and to give back to the world in which they live. They were aware that the children from Malawi live in very poor conditions but it's quite different when seen in real life. Some of them live in the school itself or in simple shelters dotted around the village. Many are orphans because of HIV.

There was no electricity – which means no ipods, telephones or computers. There were many days when we didn't know what we were going to eat. It puts an interesting perspective on what we see as important"

As a result of the trip, Bradford Girls' Grammar School and the Starfish Malawi charity have collaborated to set up a permanent link between the schools through the British Council - this means that Bradford Girls' Grammar School will continue to support Kaphirintiwa Secondary and Chitalq Primary Schools with donations, shared curriculum, and future visits.

Mrs Rimmer will return to the Salima District on 17th October for a further two weeks and has so far collected donations of clothing, sports equipment, books and stationery. A further £150.00 has been raised through a preparatory school bun sale which will pay for transporting the equipment and signs for the re-furbished library.

Bradford Girls' Grammar School will return to Kaphirintiwa School in summer 2012 for the Next World Challenge.

To get involved, contact Mrs Rimmer (jrimmer@bggs.com) or Miss Jackson (cjackson@bggs.com)



Bradford Girls' Grammar School World Challengers at the opening of Kaphirintiwa Secondary School, Malawi



Yorkshire & England Cricketer, Michael Vaughan visits Bradford Girls' Grammar School



On Wednesday 28th July, the hugely successful cricketer, Michael Vaughan OBE visited the King's Camps Michael Vaughan Cricket Coaching Week at Bradford Girls' Grammar School. Vaughan is a former cricketer who represented Yorkshire England. He is greatly remembered for being captain of the England team when they beat Australia in the 2005 Ashes, England's first Ashes victory since 1986/7. In addition, Vaughan captained England in 51 Tests between 2003 and 2008, winning 26 (a national record).

The Cricket Academy took place during the week of 26 – 30 July. This innovative coaching course provides a great introduction to cricket and develops the cricket skills and techniques of children with a basic skill level.

OGU Lunch

Over 85 past pupils attended the Old Girls' Union, reunion lunch on Saturday 2nd October. Members travelled from America, Canada, France, Norway and Germany as well as from throughout the UK to join their special year groups.

Felicity Parrish, who left BGGs in 2007 and now designs and makes her own furniture was proud to exhibit her furniture range in the school atrium and received orders for her bespoke designs. Members enjoyed a fabulous lunch in the school dining room and whilst happily reminiscing, recorded their most treasured school moments in the OGU Memory Book.



Science Fair and Open Morning

The school hosted a Science Fair and Open Morning on Saturday 2nd October. Bradford Girls' Grammar School has a long tradition of success in the sciences. The morning presented the opportunity for current and prospective parents to see existing work, take part in a science scavenger hunt, conduct experiments and speak with the headmistress and teaching staff.

The next open day, with its focus on languages, will be held on 31 March 2011.



Hockey & Netball Success

Well done to the following pupils who have been selected to represent our region in Hockey and Netball:

- Caitlin Everson has been selected to join the North of England U17 Hockey Squad.
- Lucy Hemsley has been selected to join the West Yorkshire Netball County Academy and the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Excel Netball Academy.
- Monica Duggal, Natasha Hussain, Radhika Kumbhani and Anokhi Shah have been selected to join the West Yorkshire Netball Satellite Academy.
- Sarah Brodie-Browne, Haiqa Farooq, Georgina Hollingsworth, Helen Jeffrey, Rajni Kullar and Brittany Skeels have been selected to join the Bradford Schools' U15 Netball Squad

Special Honour for Bradford Girls' Grammar School Sixth Form Student

Amber Thiara has entered projects in the Inspirations contest organised by North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership and the Yorkshire Air Museum since 2005. This year, contest organisers, the Inspirations Steering Group, decided to present her with an Inspirations Special Award.

In 2005 Amber won the Engineering Inspirations Key Stage 3 Control System Challenge's Dalek Project and in 2008 she won the Engineering Inspirations Key Stage 4 Resistant Materials Challenge for an 'easy Shopping Trolley'. In addition, last year her Ear Quartet Sculpture captured the Out of School Activity prize and went on to win a Bradford Royal Infirmary sculpture design competition for the Cochlear Ear Implant Centre.

David Ham, Amber's Design Technology teacher said "Amber has always enjoyed Inspirations and seeing what other people have achieved has challenged her to be even more creative".

Amber has gone on to study engineering at Cambridge University.



Senior Awards Evening

On Thursday 16 September the Bradford Girls' Grammar School Senior Awards Evening was held to celebrate pupil success in all aspects of school life.

GCSE and A level grades were awarded along with prizes for Young Enterprise, public speaking, performing arts, mathematical challenges, creative writing, contribution to school life, the Red Queen prize - the list is long!

An extra special thank you to Bradford Girls' Grammar School Old Girl, Eleanor Duncan MBE who presented the prizes and gave an interesting, and inspirational insight of memories of her time at Bradford Girls' Grammar School and of her work in Afghanistan. From 2002 to 2008 Eleanor and her husband set up and ran a community health programme in a remote mountainous area of northern Afghanistan. The charity focused on reducing the mortality rate of children under five through health education. In December 2009, Eleanor and her husband were awarded MBEs for their work.



Bismah Ali with the Red Queen Prize, donated in memory of Barbara Castle (nee Betts), and awarded annually to the girl who displays independence of spirit and mind

School President and Vice Presidents

We are proud to introduce our new School President Heather Coubrough, and Vice Presidents, Hania Rafaquat, Fiona Kipling and Robyn Wagner. The team will be responsible for organising school fundraising events during charity week and for Children in Need. They also run the School Council and represent the Bradford Girls' Grammar School student body. This half term they have been responsible for updating the house system – the first house event, a spelling competition took place on Friday 15th October.



News From Lady Royd

AWARDS EVENING

The Lady Royd Celebration of the Year and Awards Evening was held on Wednesday 7th July. Each class from Upper Transition to L3 performed to their parents and pupils from each class received prizes based on contribution to school life and academic success. Fond farewells were given to L3 who are now in senior school; we wish them all continued success in their education.



CHARITY - TALLEST SUNFLOWER

Congratulations to Hana Habib who grew the tallest sunflower in the Lady Royd sunflower growing competition. Sunflowers were bought and taken home to grow in the summer holidays and all money raised was in support of the charity, Bradford Skin Cancer User Group.



RHYME CHALLENGE

Pre-Prep have been busy taking part in the 'Bookstart Rhyme Challenge'.

The Rhyme Challenge contributes towards all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the singing or speaking of rhymes contributes directly towards many of the learning goals in the Lady Royd Pre-Preparatory department.



POETRY COMPETITION SUCCESS

Well done Amn Bashir U2 who won 3rd prize at the Ilkley Literature Festival poetry competition in the year 5 and 6 category with her poem entitled 'EID'.

She collected her prize from The Ilkley Playhouse on Sunday 3rd October. Amn and her family had VIP tickets to an audience with the children's poet Valerie Bloom. Amn read her poem in the theatre with great confidence.



ROUNDERS WIN

Lady Royd L3 rounders team beat the Clock House Year 6 rounders team 14 1/2 to 13 1/2. Well done team!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to all children voted on to the Lady Royd Preparatory School Council. They will meet on a fortnightly basis to organise pupil events and bring bright ideas to the school.



RUNNING CLUB

Lady Royd pupils are all working hard to improve their cross-country skills. They will participate in the Bradford Schools' Athletics Association events this year. We all look forward to hearing about their future successes.



Dates for your diary

OCTOBER, 2010

- 18th Geography/Classics Trip to Bay of Naples
- 19th Sixth Form Spanish Trip returns
- 22nd Geography/Classics Trip to Bay of Naples returns

NOVEMBER, 2010

- 1st Business & Communication Students controlled assessment until week ending 3rd Dec in lesson time
- 3rd U19 Hockey v Rishworth (Home)
- 6th Netball v Harrogate (Home)
- 8th GCSE English Language Controlled Assessment tests in lessons this week for L5, L6 and U6
- 10th U6 Psychology to Nottingham
- 13th U16 & U19 National Schools' Netball Tournament at Bradford Girls' Grammar School
- 15th Assessment Week for L5, L6 and U6
- 17th U14 National Schools' Netball Tournament at GSAL
- 18th U5 Parents' Evening
- 20th Netball v Woodhouse Grove (Home)
- 27th BGGs U19 Invitation Netball Tournament

DECEMBER, 2010

- 2nd LVth Parents Evening
- Nursery/Kindergarten Parents Evening
- 4th Netball v GSAL (Home)
- 4th 11-3pm Whole School Christmas Fair
- 8th Seasonal Show
- 9th & 14th 2pm - Kindergarten/Nursery Nativity
- 15th 2pm - Transition to L1 Christmas Show
- 16th Transition, UTR and L1 Pantomime trip
- 17th U1 to L111 Christmas Party
- 17th End of Autumn Term