



# Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

## Head's Lines

Welcome to the latest version of our newsletter.

As always, our students have impressed us this week with their efforts and their hard work and commitment. Much of this issue shows the fantastic response to our 'Free To Be' week which we have discussed previously. I have said before that the diverse nature of our school community is one of the great things about our academy and that has clearly shone through this week, with some brilliant examples of us celebrating that diversity.

We still await final guidance from the government around their plans for schools in September, but we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we can respond quickly when we receive those guidelines. We are already discussing what 'Results Days' may look like and also how we might shape the initial days in September and we will provide details as soon as we have them.

Today should have been our Year 11 Prom, which is one of the highlights of the calendar. Whilst we can't hold our Prom at this time, we have created a special video for all Year 11 students that has been e-mailed to them with messages from staff, plus some memories of their time in the academy. Big thanks to Mr Barthorpe for pulling that together.

Next week sees us hold our first ever 'Virtual Transition Day' for our new Year 6 cohort and whilst it won't be quite the same as usual transition, we are really excited by the day we have created and we hope our Y6 students find it really informative and engaging.

Take care and stay safe.

From Mr Raynor

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There has been so much great artwork from our students during this time—our online gallery is full of brilliant pieces. Here is an example from Matilda Ball in Y8 who has replicated this famous piece from Picasso—it's hard to tell the difference between them! More fantastic pieces of Art later in the newsletter.

## South Yorkshire Transport

Just a reminder from South Yorkshire Transport about bus passes for September.

*All new applications for bus passes, along with any associated paperwork, must be received by the transport services team by 15th July 2020.*

*Unfortunately any new applications received after the 15th July may result in a delay of provision of transport until after October half term 2020.*

*Any Year 11 students who are moving into Post 16 education also have to complete a form for their 16-18 pass.*

*Please see the website at [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk) for further details.*



## Superb Science

Tom Bowley has been continuing to take a keen interest in science by examining a range of items under his microscope. Here's what he discovered when he looked at soy sauce crystallising, who knew soy sauce could be so beautiful! Well done Tom!

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## Hegarty Heroes

Students continue to impress with some great use of Hegarty Maths last week.

In Y7 Shane C and Envi H had over 2 hours of learning time last week. Whilst Shance C and Ellie B both answered over 100 questions.

In Y8 Georgia O, Evie B and William H all spent over 1.5 hours working away, whilst Georgia O, Mark O and Junaid I have all answered over 100 questions on the platform. A special mention for Lacie H who consistently completes all her tasks each week and also Bethany K for some excellent work this week.

In Y9 students have been working on their recent mock paper this week and Awais I, Roc B, Owen D, Chloe M, Amy W and Abigail F all showed excellent effort in their work.

Many of Y10 have been back in school this week, but Rowan W, Mia C, Zain A and Kenel R still found time to do at least an hour on Hegarty.

Collectively students have watched over 20 hours of videos. They have answered 6267 questions, while doing 133 hours of learning.

Miss Robinson said "We're really pleased with the engagement of students."



Our Y7 students continue to impress with their reading skills. This week's top quizzers are—Nadeen Kaminska 80% and 100%, Connor Hewitt 100% and Brooke Street 80%.

Keep reading and keep quizzing!

STUDENT	MINUTES	UNITS
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE - TYLER PEAT	121	18
2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE - HARRIS ZAKRIA	45	15
3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE - COREY SANDERS	41	1
4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE - TYLER STANILAND	34	9

Here's the first of Miss Beatson's Lexia Leaderboard. A huge well done to those four students—Tyler Peat, Harris Zakria, Corey Sanders and Tyler Staniland. Can you beat your score from this week?

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## What I did last summer...

### Lake Bled

I have always adored Slovenia, so I jumped at a chance to spend a well-earned holiday there. The mountain views from my hotel room were impeccable — snowy white peaks outlined against the clearest sky I had ever seen. I will remember that view for ever. There was no pollution at all! Maybe if we stop polluting the Earth, everywhere will look like that! I hiked up the mountainside, to visit Straža Bled. It's a funny-looking toboggan, that hurtles down the hillside, carrying you! I didn't feel so well after that. I went to my room for a lie down, but realised, there was a lake! Azure, clear, and thoroughly inviting, it beckoned me towards it. The clearness of the water was beautiful but was nothing compared to the cream cake! I must have eaten about two a day! It was so light, and fluffy, and gorgeous! I got a recipe there, now I make it every week and all the people I know love it!



If given a chance, always choose Bled. The sunsets, lake and mountains are unforgettable — you will never regret it. I won't!

## Travel Blog

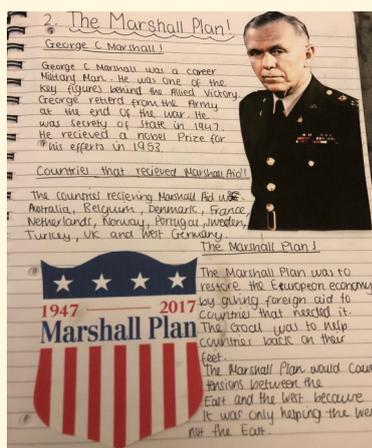
Whilst we are all currently dreaming about a nice overseas holiday, Jessica Powell in Year 7 has written this fantastic travel blog about Lake Bled in Slovenia. Jessica has really captured the essence of the beauty of the place. Hopefully in 2021 we might be able to return to such places.

## Superb Y8 bridging work

As outlined in previous newsletters our Y8 students have made a flying start with their new GCSE options subjects so that they are in the strongest position possible in September.

We have been really impressed with how they have approached these new subject areas and we wanted to share some examples of their work.

We saw some superb work in History like these pieces from Keivi-May Slater and Lily Wright.



We also some great History work from Aribah Ibrar, Musa Kamran, Nefeli Mbogba and Tyler Staniland.

We were also really impressed with how the following students have engaged with their new Religious Studies option—Alaiba Ashfaq, Evei Burgess, Humna Faisal, Maddie Harris, Zaynab Ilyas, Shamaila Ishtiaq, Abigail Keeton, Aliza Mahmood and Dasna Nanthakumar.

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**Amazing Artwork**

Dylan has worked so hard on this intricate piece of mosaic style artwork. Well done, it must have taken a great amount of concentration and patience. Spectacular results Dylan!

**Online gallery**

There’s an impressive array of students’ work being shared in the Art, Design and Technology online gallery at the minute, including work from George Foley, Brooke Street, Erin Reader, Kian Broom, Matilda Ball and Olivia Millard-Sleight.

Here are some examples that have been inspired by a range of artists and literature for you to enjoy.

Erin Reader produced these fantastic patterns.



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Kian Broom produced this impressive piece of Art. I am always so impressed by the talent of so many of our students.



Another intricate piece of work from Olivia Millard-Sleight. The amount of time and concentration required, shows how dedicated our students are to their artwork.

I know that Mr Beecher and Mrs Tattershall have been really impressed with every picture that has been sent in. We love seeing all your work, so please continue to send them in to us.

#Brinsworthiscreative

# MINECRAFT

It’s Minecraft Monday and that can only mean one thing! Your first Minecraft Challenge. You will start creating your very own theme park, feel free to give it a theme e.g. Harry Potter, Football, Enchanted Wood—the possibilities are endless.

All you need to do this week is:

- Using creative mode, start a new world or find a corner of your existing world on Minecraft.
- Complete the three challenges that have been set (no more, we will be adding to it each week).
- Choose a theme, use your imagination and be creative.
- You have until Friday evening to then send in your creations. You can do this as a video of your screen, screen shot photos and send via e-mail.
- You must explain each section, what you have used to build with and why you have chosen it.

There will be a new challenge to add to your Theme Park each week and a prize will be given at the end of the challenge for the most imaginative and creative Theme Park.

E-mail your responses to Miss Beatson.



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## Brinsworth Diversity and Inclusivity Week 22-26 June 2020

### 'Free to Be'

It has been absolutely amazing to see so many of you get involved with our Diversity week. Students have completed activities, shared their pledge photos and bake some amazing cakes!

It has been a brilliant way for us to celebrate every individual in our school, we serve such a vibrant and varied community and we are really proud of each individual member of that community—students, staff, families, alumni—all of us.

### 500 Words

500 Words is the world's largest story-writing competition for kids and a new version of the competition has been launched so that students between the ages of 5-13 can share their thoughts and views in the form of a story linked to the hugely important movement of Black Lives Matter.

From 6:30am on Monday 29th June until Friday 3rd July at 11.59pm 2020, you are invited to respond in whatever way you wish in no more than 500 words and in the form of a story.

The narratives you write and share matter. Draw on your own experiences and feelings to create a story that can be as imaginative and visionary as you want. Storytelling is a must!

**For more information ask your English teacher or visit:**

**[500words.me](https://www.500words.me)**

Submit your entries online, but also please e-mail them to your English teachers, as we want to create a Brinsworth Academy anthology of the best pieces.

### Pledge Photos

So many of you have pledged your support for diversity by sharing a picture with one of our hashtags. We had students, staff and a number of Rotherham United footballers. Feel free to keep sharing your pictures—it's never too late to pledge your support.



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### 'Brinsworth Bake Off!'

One of the undoubted highlights of 'FreeToBe' is the annual Brinsworth Rainbow cake bake off. Competition this year has been particularly high with students and staff all vying for the coveted Brinsworth Bake Off Spoon.

After much deliberation Mrs Mellon has decided on our top 3, though she was keen to point out "the quality of entries this year has been amazing, I am so proud of how our school community has responded." A prize will make its way to our top 3 entries, but a huge thank you to all who took part.

In first place was Ruby and Noah Alsop with their fantastic multi textured cake.



A very close runner up was Isaac Dent with his rainbow layered masterpiece.

### #FreeToBe



Our 3rd place goes to Nicole Newby and Katie Clayton for their socially distanced effort—Katie baked and Nicole decorated! Great teamwork girls!



As we reach the end of our Diversity Week, the pebble above from Nicole Newby for our rainbow path at school, is indicative of how I feel at the moment. We are in a position where so many of our students have played their part in recognising our individuality and displaying tolerance and respect for all.

As we move towards hopefully being able to welcome back our school community in a wider sense, I have great confidence that our young people will continue to work towards making our world a better place. Take care and stay safe!