



Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

Head's Lines

Welcome to the latest version of our newsletter.

This week's newsletter is full of fantastic work from our students, as well as lots of excellent work from students who will be our new Y7 students in September.

Today we have held our first virtual transition day for students in Y6 and we hope that both students and parents found it to be a really useful process. We know that students have not received the usual transition opportunities because of the current circumstances and as I outlined in my letter to parents this week, we will look to see if we can provide Y7 with some transition time in September.

Talking of September, you will have seen today that the government has released its guidelines around what they expect schools to look like after the summer break.

Whilst we now have the guidance, there is a significant amount of information to process for schools. We will endeavor to make sense of that guidance and arrive at a plan that we believe is the best one for our school community.

I would ask for your continued patience as we develop that plan and we will try to ensure that before we finish for the summer break that we can provide further details for students, parents and staff about how we will return in September.

Whilst we are seeing that a wider number of areas of our economy are re-opening we still need to conduct ourselves with caution. We have seen with the situation in Leicester this week that we still need to make sure we are keeping safe and following the guidelines. Please stay safe.

From Mr Raynor

Achieving Excellence



Our Y8 students have been producing some brilliant work in their bridging work for their new GCSE subjects. Here Natalia Poot Salinas has produced a wonderful piece of artwork, which shows some fantastic precision with her pencil and bodes well for her GCSE course in September!

Free School Meal Vouchers

You will have seen in the media recently that the government are going to fund vouchers for those students eligible for free school meals over the summer holiday.

In order to facilitate this there has been a slight change in the approach we have been using as a school.

You should receive your latest free school meal voucher in the post over the next few days. Following this, you will receive e-vouchers in installments of £15 per week for the next four weeks. These vouchers will cover the period between 29th June and 24th July. This is different to the current system we have been using recently, where you would have received a month's worth at a time.

During the last week of term, we will issue vouchers for the summer break. These will cover the period 27th July to 28th August.

If you have any questions then don't hesitate to contact us at the academy.



There were five young people from LEAP schools taking part in the regional Slam Jam final on Thursday 2nd July.

We are delighted to announce that Keagan Kilcoyne-Guilliam from Brinsworth won his group within the heat and gave a fantastic performance.

This is a brilliant achievement in what is always a hotly contested poetry performance competition. Fantastic effort Keagan!

#ExcellenceAchieved

#SlamJamChamp

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Hegarty Heroes

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

In Y7 Shane C, Lacey G, Isobel K and Aynaz D had over 3 hours of learning time last week.

Whilst Shance C and Ellie B both answered over 100 questions.

In Y8 Zuhair S and Peter R both spent over 3 hours working away, whilst Zuhair S, Nefeli M, Oliver U and Blake R have all answered over 140 questions on the platform.

In Y9 students have been working on their recent mock paper this week and Seth W, Tyler P, Tafazwa SJ, Victoria C, Chloe M and Amy W all showed excellent effort in their work.

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

Collectively students have watched over 33 hours of videos. They have answered 9079 questions, while doing 187 hours of learning. Mr Jones said "I am very pleased with the work some Y9 students have completed with their mock papers. Please make sure you watch my recorded lesson going over the answers."

ICT Excellence

Our Y8 students have been completing their bridging work in preparation for their KS4 course. The class were asked to watch a video on how people portray themselves online and reflect on their own social media usage and posts. Here is what Juste came up with...

"My social media presence is very honest and I feel like I portray a normal caring teenager who likes to show the beautiful things in life to others and to let them know that beauty can be portrayed in different ways and that something or someone doesn't have to look a certain way to be beautiful."

The dangers in trying to keep up with everyone else online is that some people might go too far in trying to maybe be like someone else.

My top tips are to take some time off social media to take care of yourself first and when you are on social media to not pay too much attention to what someone else posts." Wise words!

Brinsworth Academy—Achieving Excellence

Miss Beatson's Lexia Lockdown Leaderboard		
STUDENT	MINUTES	UNITS
1 ST PLACE - MARK OSGATHORPE	321	72
2 ND PLACE - THOMAS CROSBY	118	23
2 ND PLACE - TYLER PEAT	118	16
3 RD PLACE - TYLER STANILAND	65	20
4 TH PLACE - JOSH BROWN	48	15
5 TH PLACE - HARRIS ZAKRIA	34	15

Lexia Legends!

It was great to see so many of you in contention for top spot on our Lexia Leaderboard. Well done to Mark for hitting the heights this week! Who will be top next week? Keep working and it could be you.

Reading Challenge



You may be running out of books during lockdown, but we have got a reading challenge to keep you all engaged. This is an interform challenge and Mr Wilson is really keen for his form to step up to the mark!

Challenge 1—read a news article. The BBC website has lots of free articles. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

Challenge 2—Read the opening of a book. The World Book Day site has lots of extracts. If you love the opening, you can read the whole book when the libraries re--open. <https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/secondary/>

Read a whole book online for free. The Gutenberg website has a range of older books that you can read for free. <https://www.gutenberg.org/>

IDEA

In ICT our students have been taking part in the Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award as part of their home learning. This is an international programme that helps students develop digital, enterprise and employability skills and can be found at <https://idea.org.uk/>

Students are working on challenges with the aim of reaching 250 points to claim their Bronze awards. Lots of students have stepped up to take on the challenge!

This week we have had a number of students that have reached their Bronze certificates—Dominic Wilde, Isobel Keys and Matthew Carr.

#Welovecomputers

#Alwayslearning

#Silvernext

Making the leap! Moving up to Brinsworth Academy

Y6 Transition

Our new Year 7 students have been impressing us already by completing our transition challenges and also taking part in our virtual transition day. The following items are all fantastic examples of how our newest students are already Achieving Excellence.

We can't wait to welcome you all properly in September so that you can begin your Brinsworth journey!



Miley Slater helped out one of the members of her family with their university project. Here she is acting as a model for their photography project. Great work Miley!

Jack Blore did some amazing work in growing these plants from seed—very impressive Jack. I could do with some help in my garden!

Meanwhile Ricky Jesuthan wrote this beautiful poem about the seasons. It is clear to see that we have some amazingly talented young people joining us in September!



Seasons in Poetry

The leaves are yellow, red and brown,
A shower sprinkles softly down
The winds are fragrant, crisp and cool,
Once again I am stuck in school.
The birds are gone, the world is white,
The winds are wild, they chill and bite,
I put on my coat because it's cold,
But I think I am just too old.
In Spring there are raining showers,
But it has a lot of colourful flowers,
In Spring time days grow warm
Bees and bugs come out to swarm.
Summer is playing in the park,
And it never goes really dark,
In summer days are hot,
Ice cold drinks I drink a lot!

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Freya Blackwell has cooked up a storm in the kitchen. We have been so impressed with the wide range of activities that Y6 have been involved in.



#FreeToBe

At Brinsworth Academy we are so proud of the diverse community that we serve and we were really pleased to see so many Year 6 students take part in our recent diversity week where we celebrated that we were all #FreeToBe as individuals.

Here Alexia Chapman shows her support with her pledge photograph. Thank you very much Alexia!



Ava Jane Musgrave has taken part in a wide range of activities from playing the guitar, visiting the horses and creating fantastic artwork. We love students that show they can excel in a number of areas. Well done Ava Jane!

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Noah Moody produced this fantastic rainbow cake as part of our diversity week. It looks delicious, well done Noah!



Tegan Myers has spent part of her lockdown experience learning how to sew. Not only has she developed her skills significantly, but she has also made these fantastic cushions. Superb work Tegan!

Thank You

A huge thank you to all our students, but especially our Y6 students this week for all their fantastic hard work and effort. Each week that goes by presents us with more and more evidence that our students are resilient, creative and determined learners.

As we move towards a wider opening in September, students can look back with pride on what they have achieved during this time. It is a fantastic feeling to be able to welcome a new year group to the school and Year 6 have certainly impressed us so far. We can't wait to welcome them and welcome back the rest of our school community in September in a way that is safe.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones and we will be in touch as soon as we can to provide further details about September. Take care and stay safe!

