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A photograph of two young students, a girl and a boy, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing dark grey school blazers over light blue shirts and striped ties. The girl on the left has long brown hair and is wearing glasses. The boy on the right has dark hair and is smiling broadly. They are standing in front of a blue building with windows. A yellow diagonal shape is in the bottom right corner.

Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter; this edition is full of examples of students Achieving Excellence and demonstrating a wide range of skills and abilities.

As we approach the end of term, it is important to reflect on just how well students and staff have coped with the changes we have had to make. We have obviously faced a number of challenges in terms of both students and staff having to isolate and I think the way that the school community has responded to those challenges has been inspiring to witness. Students have remained engaged in their learning and have Achieved Excellence across the curriculum, whilst staff have adapted incredibly well to a different type of delivery and have maintained the high quality of education that we all want for our young people. None of this would be possible without the continued support of parents, so I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our thanks for your continued support.

Christmas is not too far away now and I know that we are likely to experience a very different Christmas to usual. Whilst we hope that the much discussed vaccine comes to fruition this winter; it is important that we continue to follow all the guidelines we are given even over the festive period. This will ensure that we can help to keep everyone in our school community safe and then hopefully as we head into 2021 we will have the opportunity to have a more 'normal' year!

We wish you and your loved ones health, wealth and happiness and for those that celebrate, a very Merry Christmas!

Mr Raynor
Principal

Academy News

Fundraising

It was great to see our sixth formers engaged in a number of fundraising activities in the last week of this half term. The 3.5km walk, pumpkin carving competition and Halloween fancy dress raised over £300 for 'Lymphoma Action'. Well done to everyone for supporting this important cause. #LymphomaAction #TeamBrinsworth



Y7 Student Leaders

Following some incredible applications and interviews with the pastoral teams we would like to introduce our newest additions to the student leadership team! For these 20 young people in Y7, Thursday 12th November was spent training for their new role with Mrs Ward. It was a day of huge success with our leaders of tomorrow finding ways to develop their confidence, overcoming fears and creating way of inspiring other young people through their actions. The students stated that they especially enjoyed getting to know new people and one student stated, "I have really enjoyed today's training for student leadership. I feel that I have learnt so much about others and how to be resilient in lots of different situations. It has been a great experience overall and I feel that today I will walk away knowing that even though I might want to give up sometimes, I CAN DO THIS!". Our Y7 students were thrilled to receive their certificates and can be identified around school with their yellow student leader badges. #AchievingExcellence #TeamBrinsworth



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

This term has seen our Anti Bullying Ambassadors (ABA's) raise awareness of being an upstander and promoting ways in which students can access support both in school and at home. The week commencing the 16th November was officially "Anti Bullying Week" across the UK and our ABA's worked together to promote this across the academy with the creation of a video. The video was played to each year group during form time and highlighted the training which our ABA's received to help support our young people, reminded people of the definition of bullying and the need for our students to be upstanding in response to a situation to unite us against bullying. The form tutor first response and sign posting to organisations such as The Diana Award, Barnardos and the CAMHS e-clinic has also been widely discussed during form time to ensure that our students know how they can access support. If you would like any further information as to this support, please visit the websites below.

www.antibullyingpro.com

www.barnardos.org.uk



Anti-Bullying Week

The 16th November – 20th November was Anti-Bullying Week and every student in Year 7 to 11 has been learning about bullying, the effect of bullying and how we can work to stop it. The students have created a pledge on how they will help to stop bullying in person and online to show that Brinsworth Academy is an anti-bullying school.

Y10 Depaul – 'Missing' Performance

We were fortunate to have the Depaul charity perform a virtual performance to some of our Year 10 students. The performance is called Missing and is about homelessness, people running away from home and the hidden homeless.

The students found the performance really engaging and though provoking about how many people are homeless within the UK, why people run away from home and the help available for people. The students discussed the many reasons why people run away from home and become homeless.

Anti-Semitism: In conversation with Eva Schloss

As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2020, we were invited to virtually attend an anti-Semitism event, featuring a talk from Eva Schloss, Holocaust survivor. The Anne Frank Trust UK, has the mission to use Anne Frank's life and work to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and passion to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

We are very proud to have worked with The Anne Frank Trust closely over the last few years, with many of our students becoming Anne Frank Ambassadors and delivering information sessions to our school and community.

We were delighted to be able to take part in this virtual event, allowing our RS students to listen to Eva Schloss, who was Anne Frank's step-sister, and reflect on her life. Eva discussed that we are all one human race, and therefore all should be treated equally. Brinsworth Academy made our virtual pledge at the event. We pledged to be proactive in challenging prejudice in all its forms by being an upstander, not a bystander; confident to challenge prejudice and discrimination in a safe way.

To find out more about the work of The Anne Frank Trust, take a look at this website www.annefrank.org.uk



Challenging Antisemitism
An online seminar featuring **Eva Schloss, MBE**
Wed. 18th Nov 2020
10:45am – 11:45am

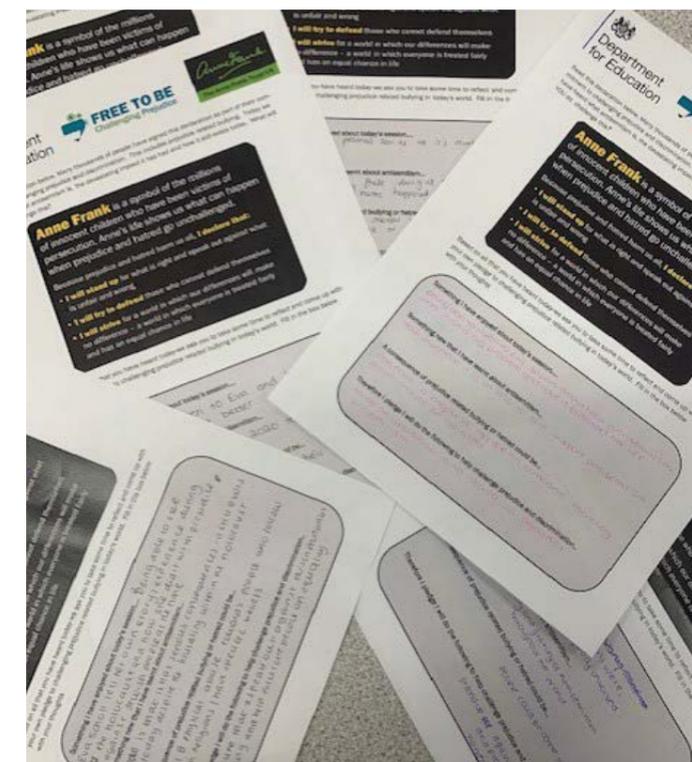
At the Anne Frank Trust UK, our mission is to use Anne Frank's life and work to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and passion to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

Free To Be is an anti-bullying programme (funded by the Department for Education) that invites young people to explore and find solutions to prejudice-related bullying. We are inviting schools to join us for this one hour online session which will focus on the issue of antisemitism.

During #AntiBullyingWeek2020 we're inviting schools to join us for a special one hour online session dealing with antisemitism. It includes activities for young people, testimony from Eva Schloss – Auschwitz survivor and step-sister of Anne Frank – and reflection.

This is a **free event** for secondary schools.

#AntiBullyingWeek2020
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/126386991895



Affix of the Week

Students in the academy have been thinking about the ways that words are constructed from various different parts. Each week we focus on an affix (section of a word) that students learn about the meaning and usage of. Students are then able to share examples how they have used these in their writing in order to #AvhieveExcellence

Affix of The Week



What words can you think of using the suffix 'less'?

Try to use as many as you can this week to receive Achieving Excellence Points



Y7 Accelerated Readers

Huge congratulations to Year 7 for the 3,972,144 words read so far this year!

Top five scores:

Zara A 618,769

Bilal M 233,626

Hannah R 162,451

Mustafa H 437,624

Juwayriya A 231,543

The Durkin Cup!

It has been an exciting start to the first ever annual Y7 Durkin Sports Cup! The tournament has been set up to commemorate and remember former pupil Ryan Durkin, who was a Y10 student at Brinsworth Academy and sadly passed away. We feel there is no better way to remember Ryan, a keen sportsman himself, than taking part in fun, competitive sports!

Three weeks in and the competition is already tight! All pupils will have the chance to represent their form in one athletics event, with the best scores combining for 3rd, 2nd and 1st prize! 7H have taken an early lead with 7S, 7O and 7N all displaying outstanding performances so far! We hope all the Year sevens enjoy the chance to take part, showing resilience, teamwork and respect as they strive for excellence!

Keep up to date on our Facebook and Twitter page to track the progress! Good luck Year 7! Follow us on Social Media (Twitter and Facebook) using the tag @BACPerformance.



Charity Appeal - Working with our Community

During the week beginning 30th November, we invited students to contribute to our annual charity appeal. This year we have focused on our local community, supporting The Centre at Brinsworth, as well as Rotherham Foodbank. We managed to collect lots of useful items to support the most needy at this time of year. #BrinsworthIsBrilliant #TeamBrinsworth



Black History Month

October was Black History Month and this year we decided to focus on Black History within the UK and learn about the United Kingdom's past including the slave trade, migration after WW2 and Windrush. In Ethics lessons, students learned about important Black figures within the history of the UK and learnt why it was so important that we celebrate and learn about Black History

Sixth Form Student Elections

Following some great election campaigns for sixth form senior and deputy student ambassadors, the votes have been counted and we are delighted to announce the Student Ambassador Leadership Team:

Libby - Senior Ambassador
Isabella - Senior Ambassador
Ahmad - Senior Ambassador
Sophie - Deputy Ambassador
Hamza - Deputy Ambassador
Alizeh - Deputy Ambassador

These Y12 ambassadors will work alongside the Y13 ambassadors Aysha (Senior) & Ella (Deputy). Well done everyone! We are looking forward to hearing your ideas on how we can continue to improve sixth form provision! #TeamBrinsworth



November

November is also known as Movember, a month where we look at men's health issues and Year 9, 10 and 11 students have been learning about testicular cancer. Students learnt about the symptoms, how to check for cancer and what to do if they were worried.

Our amazing Y13 student Alex Womack has been taking part in Movember. Alex is on track to run 60km to raise money for the 3 key areas of Movember; Mental Health and Suicide, Prostate cancer, Testicular cancer. His excellent efforts so far have seen him raise over £300! If you are able to and would like to donate, Alex's fundraising page is in the link:



https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14314978?utm_medium=app&utm_source=android&utm_campaign=share-mospace

Remembrance Day

Our staff and students gave thanks for the sacrifices of our service men and women, through art work created that has been displayed around school, and through a minute's silence in their lessons.



Student Voice for Ethics

Over the last few weeks students have been able to leave feedback about their Ethics lessons, what they enjoyed learning, what they did not enjoy and what topics they would like to look at during our Ethics lessons. The feedback from over 300 students was amazing. The students were very positive about their

lessons and they mentioned that they enjoyed learning about Mental Health in October, Black History Month, and Careers, which is very positive. They have also mentioned topics that they would like to cover within their Ethics lessons such as the environment and politics which is something that we will start to incorporate within our lessons.

Period Poverty

'Period poverty' means being unable to access sanitary products and having a poor knowledge of menstruation often due to financial constraints. In the UK, 1 in 10 girls can't afford to buy menstrual products, while 1 in 7 have struggled to afford them.

The Government has given schools a grant to buy and give free period products to any students who need them.

Attached is a poster explaining the options available to students in Brinsworth Academy.



Free Period Products

ATTENTION!

Did you know that the school has free period products?
Did you know that the school can give you the products for free?
No!

The school has in stock the following products:

- Period pads
- Environmentally friendly period pads
- Reusable period pads
- Applicator & Non-applicator tampons
- Menstrual cups



If you are interested in receiving any of these free period products please scan the QR code, log into your school account and complete the form.

PERIOD PRODUCT OPTIONS

People generally use a combination of products. Most come in different sizes and to suit different flows (heavy or light). Experiment to find what works best for you.

TAMPONS

Small tubes of soft cotton, inserted into the vagina with applicators or your finger so absorb blood. Shouldn't be kept in for more than 8 hours. Don't worry, they can't get stuck or lost! They have a string attached to pull them out with.

PADS

Made of absorbent material to absorb blood. Have a sticky back - and sometimes wings - to keep them in place in your underwear.

PERIOD PANTS

Underwear with a built in absorbent layer. You can wash them and reuse.

REUSABLE PADS

Like normal pads but made of washable cloth.

MENSTRUAL CUPS

Small reusable containers made of flexible silicone, inserted into the vagina to collect blood. You empty the blood, wash it, and reinsert.

Achieving Excellence

Achieving Excellence Rewards

This term has seen our students enjoying healthy competition between forms, year groups and as individuals in light of Achieving Excellence points. Teaching staff and support staff, reward students for their efforts in lessons and for their conduct around the academy, particularly if they are demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience.

We are proud of our students and how they have responded to all the changes we have put in place; it certainly hasn't been easy for them. They continue to impress us with their maturity and strength.

Achieving Excellence scores. Each week, totals are calculated and forms are identified as champions of the year group, with one form winning the prestigious Super Champions trophy for the highest point score in the academy.

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the following students for their hard work, determination and brilliance. These students have accrued the highest point scores between the dates: September – November 2020

The form with the highest AE point score in the academy goes to:

Miss Turner and 7S with 9095 AE points!

Each week the academy is updated on

The following forms have secured the highest point score in their year group:

Winning forms	AE Points
8A - Mrs Mellon & Mr Rooker	7978 pts
9N - Mr Nye & Mr France	6501 pts
10H - Mr Beecher & Mrs Grenham	5647 pts
11B - Mrs Mcveigh & Miss Specowius	4278 pts

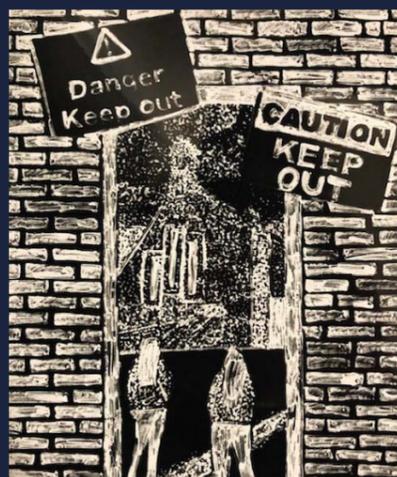
We have also experienced some amazing individual performances in the academy. The following students have been identified as Top Girl and Top Boy in their year group. Again, I am sure you will join us in congratulating these fantastic scores.

Year Group	Top Girl	Top Boy
7	Darcey S 451 pts	Ricky J 407 pts
8	Igrra B 396 pts	William L 418 pts
9	Ella E 429 pts	Jack C 355 pts
10	Naomi O 347 pts	Aaron S 351 pts
11	Safa A 308 pts	Joshua W 280 pts

The pastoral team will be visiting forms with prizes for their amazing achievements. An extra special mention goes to Darcey Smith in Year 7 for having the highest AE points total in the academy, well done!

Y10 Photographers!

Excellent Year 10 Photography Handmade Negative prints from this week's darkroom lesson with Miss Henderson! Students have based their work on their personal interpretation of the theme Texture and/or Environment and we are really proud of their achievements - Well Done Year 10 Photographers! #TeamBrinsworth #AchievingExcellence



Y9 Achieving Excellence

Well done to these Year 9 students who achieved fantastic results on their most recent AtL grades. All these students received the highest grades in the year group and had a number of rewards to celebrate them 'Achieving Excellence'



The LEAP Vision

Achieving excellence is the overriding ambition of our Trust. We place students at the centre of everything we do, creating a culture of success and a love of learning which enhances students' achievements and their personal, social and emotional wellbeing.

We achieve our vision through:

Excellence for our Students

Inspiring, challenging, engaging and supporting all of our students to achieve excellent outcomes irrespective of their starting points. Every student is provided with a clear progression route to the next stage of their education and career.

Excellence for our Staff

Driving excellence in teaching and learning, and implementing a knowledge-rich curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of all students.

Excellence for our Schools

Enhancing central and shared services to maximise organisational and cost efficiencies.

Excellence for our Communities

Building positive partnerships with our parents, primary schools and the wider community

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