



## June 25th 2010

I'm sure many of you, like us, are feeling the pips squeak (remember History lessons about Sir Eric Campbell Geddes in 1918?) following Thursday's budget. While pay and tax are clearer, we await to hear about school budgets and any news on BSF. Our 'learning futures' and new build design planning are continuing - perhaps no news is good news... I will keep parents up to date as things develop, in a positive way or otherwise.

### Smarten up!

As I made clear last week, our drive with uniform standards continues. Rolled up skirts and girls' modesty and decency have been particular targets, and 42 girls are already in detention. Please support us - it has to be a case of working together, and some of you remain, like us, concerned about standards overall.

This was from one of our parental comments posted on our website this week:

'The skirt issue is the tip of the iceberg. Make up is not allowed in Years 7-9 and discrete make-up is allowed in Years 10-11. Most of the girls above Year 8 are caked in foundation or fake tan in blatant disregard of the rules. Ties are worn fashionably short with the IGS badge rarely showing. Celebrity culture has well and truly taken over and I for one am increasingly appalled at the falling standards in regard to uniform and have concern that there is a general fall in standards overall.'

The weather may be warm, and we have relaxed the blazer rule, but smart dress says a huge amount about a student's pride in themselves, and their attitude to school and work. We intend to tighten things further ahead of September and students know all about choice and consequence. Please support them in making the right choices.

Contrary to the circulating rumours, we have not made any major changes to the dress code for Post 16 students.

Students should come to school dressed prepared to work i.e. NO vest tops, short skirts, leggings, short dresses or shorts (with or without leggings or tights), see through linen trousers, logo t-shirts, flip flops, excessive jewellery.

From September 2010 tracksuits and t-shirts will also be unacceptable.

### Celebrate

While students have to be a priority, so is celebrating the successes of students across the year, and in these final few weeks we look forward to:

- Year 8 Hockey Tournament and BBQ: school field after school July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sports Day: July 6<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12 School field
- Year 9 Rounders Tournament July: 8<sup>th</sup>
- Year 10 Rounders Tournament: July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Year 9 Disco and BBQ on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Super Tutor Group Winners' afternoon at Ilkley Lido and Shipley Bowling: July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Celebration Day: Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Celebration Assemblies for Years 7 - 10 in the final weeks of term.

The fact that only 16 students in Years 7 - 10 are not invited onto Celebration Day (from 985!) - our best ever year in terms of student conduct and attitude - says it all about the strengths of our student body.

### Successes this week include:

The Year 10 Rounders team convincingly beat Hanson last night, as in all their matches, and go on to defend their title against Oakbank next week in the Bradford Schools' Semi Finals.

Good luck to the Year 8 Rounders team who are also through to the Bradford Schools' Semi Finals next week.



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The Bradford Schools' Olympics are next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck to all the teams involved!

Well done to Rosie Collyer, 9HP, I received this letter from Ilkley Parish Council this week:

Dear Gillian

### Parish Council's Civic Service

At the Civic Service held at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday I asked your pupil Rosie Collyer to open proceedings by reading Roger McGough's poem "The Leader". This I arranged through her Aunt, Cllr Dawn Emsley, who accompanied Rosie at the event.

Rosie read beautifully and got the Service off to a good start. She was a great credit to herself and to the School and I would ask that some credit and recognition be given to her as part of her Community Studies.

The event was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor of Bradford, our MP Kris Hopkins and several local civic leaders together with Parish Councillors and many of our residents.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Brian Mann  
Chairman

### **Have your say!**

As we enter the final four weeks of the year and the September jigsaw falls into place, please let me know what has been good, bad or indifferent this year, and what you as parents and carers hope for in the new academic year. I have broad shoulders (ex-Newcastle Schools' Swimming Champion!) and welcome your constructive criticism!

### **Enjoy a long weekend**

A reminder that school is closed to students next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will therefore be no Headline next week.

Please note that we close for the summer holidays at 1.15pm on Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

School opens in September on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> for Years 7 and 12 and for the whole school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>.



### **Attendance Champions**

Top of the form this week:

Year 7: 7LAC with 100% attendance

Year 8: 8SP with 99.1% attendance

Year 9: 9JM with 99.6% attendance

Year 10: 10EM for the second week running with 87.5% attendance

Year 11: Study Leave



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### Calendar

- **28th June** Biology Fieldwork
- **29th June** Biology Fieldwork
- **29th June** Year 10 Mock Interviews
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- **30th June** Year 9 Cross Curricular Specialist Schools Project (PM)
- **1st July** Year 6-7 Parents' Transition Meeting
- **1st and 2nd July** Post 16 Stratford Trip
- **2nd July** Training Day

### Forward Planning

- **4th July** PTA Car Boot Sale from 7.30am at school field
- **5th July** Training Day
- **5th and 6th July** Chemical Industries Cumbria
- **7th July** Biology Fieldwork
- **8th July** Year 7 Parents' Meeting
- **8th July** Year 9 Rounders
- **8th and 9th July** Chemical Industries Cumbria
- **9th July** Year 10 Rounders
- **12th July** Year 7 Public Speaking (am)
- **12th July** Year 12 Rotary Public Speaking (pm)
- **14th July** Summer Concert
- **18th July** PTA Car Boot Sale from 7.30am at school field
- **19th July** Super Tutor Group Activity (am)
- **20th July** Celebration Assembly
- **21st July** Celebration Day
- **22nd July** Celebration Assembly
- **22nd July** School Closes after Lunch

You can view the 2010 - 2011 Holiday dates [here](#)

### Mailing List

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### Get in touch!

We would be interested in any feedback on these bulletins.

Also, if you would like further information on anything within them or, wish to request other information items, [then please get in touch](#).

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