

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL

### Christmas term dates

School closes Friday 18th December and re-opens Monday 4th January.

### Exams

Yr 11 English GCSE 9th & 12th November.

Yr 12 /13 re-sits from 5th to 12th November.

Yr 10 Science Module 19th November.



## KS3 LSU Launch a Table Tennis Tournament

After some weeks of preparation members of the KS3 Learning Support Unit have launched a grand week long Table Tennis tournament. The students have been intensively! coached by Mr Romaniuk, himself a keen member of a Bradford League, with the excitement building to this week.

The tournament was open to all students who visit the Learning Support Unit's special break and lunch time drop in sessions and is by way of a thank you to the students for their continued hard work in these sessions. The tournament was also devised to help develop and enhance the students' sense of friendship, fair play, tolerance and sportsmanship. The Trophy was hotly contested with runners up prizes of memory sticks to help students with their studies. The winner of this tournament was Akaash Hussain and runner up was Simeon Moorehouse, pictured with supporters and Headteacher Mrs McCarthy. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.



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## We Get The Feel Good Bug

The sixth form again held their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support earlier this month. There was a fine selection of cakes donated by students and staff and some beautiful hand knitted scarves donated by Mrs Lockwood to tempt everyone to part with their money. Students also encouraged us all to clear out our cupboards of all those books we've never read and organised a big second hand book sale. The two events raised £225 so thank you to everyone who contributed. Members of Mr Sheikh's sixth form also felt compelled to do something for the victims of the Indonesian earthquake.



Knowing their fellow students and staff well they organised a morning of lovely food, curry, rice, samosa and sweets, which always goes down well. £150 was raised in one break time.

## SWINE FLU UPDATE

In the event of a Swine Flu Pandemic the following contingency plans have been put in place.

\*The school will remain open to ensure the students receive their education. Staff will be deployed appropriately.

\*In the unlikely event of a large number of staff being absent due to Swine Flu, some students will be asked to stay at home and continue their studies there.

\*Parents will be notified by Keep Kids Safe text, website and local radio.

\*Priority will be given to students in examination classes to remain in school i.e. Year 10 to Year 13.



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## "B Someone" Champions

On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 seven of our students, along with Headteacher Mrs McCarthy and Councillor Amjad Zaman, attended the launch of the second strand of the 'b someone' campaign at Bradford University. The 'b someone' campaign is about 'young people raising their own expectations for their educational attainment though support provided by parents, schools, other educational training providers and local employers.'

The event was attended by a range of partners and key note speakers including actor Mathew Lewis who stars as Neville Longbottom in the Harry Potter films (pictured below) and Councillor Zafar Ali. Students also met Zesh Rehman who is a Bradford City Player and the First British-born Asian to play in the Premier League and currently holds the captains' armbands at Bradford City and the Pakistan team.

Greenhead students thoroughly enjoyed the day and not only got to meet and have photographs taken with a selection of the many stars that attended the event but also participated in a Science and Computing workshop which involved them taking the controls of a robotic telescope in Tenerife.



## Leap At The Media Museum

As reported in our last newsletter, here at Greenhead we have a team of Peer Mediators, fully qualified through our partnership with Leap Confronting Conflict. Recently members of this team, who have now launched their mediation service in school, took part in a refresher session to monitor progress. Our team gave a presentation to an audience of fellow Peer Mediators sharing their ideas. In turn they then had chance to compare with other schools who offer the service and therefore learn together how to deliver the ultimate Peer Mediation service.



After all the serious work the students enjoyed their time at the Media Museum in Bradford trying the interactive exhibits and presenting their own Peer Mediators News.

## Summer Results Day Success

Greenhead High School had a very successful summer this year with our students again achieving outstanding results. 33% of students gained 5 or more grades at A\*-C including key subjects English and Maths this was an excellent **6% higher** than the Local Authority target. 45 % gained 5 or more grades at A\*-C which was a huge **10% higher** than the Local Authority target and Greenhead is in the top 35% nationally for progress from Key Stage 2. Our star students were Katherine Grasham and Saima Bibi who between them achieved a whopping 10 A\* and 10 A grades. Both have returned to Greenhead to join the Associated Sixth Form and continue their studies.



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### Greenhead Goes Continental

Taste buds were tickled when students cooked and served up treats as part of the school's celebration of European Day of Languages.



Year 11 students cooked a French lunch of salade niçoise, dauphinoise potatoes and chocolate tart, which they had researched themselves.



Years 8 and 9 took a break from their usual French or Spanish lessons to go into the school kitchens and help prepare a themed European menu. They prepared and served Italian lasagne, Spanish chicken, French quiche, Irish soda bread, English sticky toffee pudding and Polish cheesecake.

Other groups made table decorations, along with menus and flags to adorn the dining hall and produced a PowerPoint display to encourage fellow pupils to come and try the foods at lunchtime.

As an addition to the lessons students researched and prepared a selection of food to serve to visitors at the annual Greenhead Open Day: a French recipe for yoghurt cake and a Peruvian dish called Tocino del cielo, which means bacon from heaven, though there's no bacon in it! It is made of condensed milk, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar and coconut. While recognising that Peru is not a European country, our Spanish assistant Mrs. Salas is originally from Peru, where Spanish is spoken. She helped the students with the recipe and brought some she had made at home for them to taste. Yummy!



### Planning For The Future

Year 9 students have been working with the organisation Yorkshire Planning Aid to learn about the role of planning in the community. Yorkshire Planning Aid is part of a nine-strong network of agencies throughout the country, themselves part of the Royal Town Planning Institute, a registered charity. They run educational projects in schools, helping young people to better understand how the planning system affects them.



The programme introduced the topic of town and country planning to the students. It demonstrated why there is a planning system in place, how development control works and how planners assess planning applications, along with the role of development plans, planning policy and the consultation process.

Importantly, the students learned how they can get involved and both have their say on and influence what developments take place in their local areas - where new shops and entertainment facilities should be built in the future, what sort of public transport is needed and what areas should be safeguarded for recreation.

The exercise was also designed to highlight the importance of geography in further education and raise awareness of planning-related jobs and careers.



### Early Languages Success

The languages department had a lot of impressive early exam success in the summer results. 37 Year 9 students passed their French Short Course GCSE and 34 Year 9 passed their Spanish Short Course GCSE. Further congratulations go to the 6 Year 9 students who also gained their AQA Entry Level Spanish Certificate.



Well done to you all!

### Open Day Nostalgia

In September we staged the last open day in the current school, as we prepare for the move to our new building next year. Open day visitors including prospective parents, along with former teachers and pupils, took the opportunity to walk the school corridors for a final time.

The highlight of the annual open day was a display of memorabilia and records dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, found when the school's cellars were cleared out by head of history Anita Carrieri and local archivists in preparation for the move. They discovered a treasure trove of photographs of former staff, students and Keighley schools dating back to 1872, old punishment books from the 1970s, exercise books, sporting trophies from the early 1900s – and a prayer book dated around 1710 belonging to John Drake, the original school founder.



Utilising the archives and photographs, Anita and her team are now working on a special publication chronicling the school's heritage in the history of education in Keighley since 1713. Due for release next summer, it will also celebrate the many changes taking place at Greenhead, including the school's new future as the University Academy, Keighley. "We would welcome contributions of nostalgia, along with donations and sponsors for the book. All who support the cause are guaranteed a listing in the publication," explained Anita, who can be contacted at the school.



A number of activities were laid on by staff, including wheelchair basket ball in the gym, European food sampling in languages, batik painting and bread-making in technology. Animation



workshops and special games could be found in foundation, designed to aid students' understanding of SEAL – Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning - a programme in which the school is heavily involved. The kitchens also opened up to give visitors samples of school dinners, which proved popular, while an



array of interactive experiments in the science department entertained many of the younger guests.

Representatives from the University of Bradford and PLACE - the consultants involved in the planned Academy handover - were available to answer questions about the programme. The organisation Family Learning and PC Tom Dyson, from Safer Schools, also passed on advice and information to parents.

Headteacher Trish McCarthy said: "There was overwhelming feedback from visitors, who commented on the warm and welcoming atmosphere in school, while parents were impressed with how we meet the individual needs of our pupils. In particular, there was a lot of excitement about the new building and the changes planned for the future." For further information about our plans to become an Academy please visit [www.uakmakeyourmark.co.uk](http://www.uakmakeyourmark.co.uk).

### Students Are Aiming Higher

The Greenhead Aimhigher team have been busy lately making the most of the school's links with Aimhigher, West Yorkshire. Aimhigher is a national programme which works to widen participation in Higher Education and increase the number of young people who have the ability and aspirations to benefit from it. This has been a successful programme for Greenhead and last term two students, Amreen Iqbal and Agata Sadowska received Students Of The Year awards.



Earlier in the month we invited parents to join us and celebrate the official launch of our new Year 9 cohort. These selected students will be involved in a number of workshops, university Ace Days and university visits over the next two years. Our students have also been selected to be involved in the Tomorrow's Teachers Today programme and recently Sixth former Maivish Ashfaq gained her certificate after two years of study. Maivish was also nominated as this month's Student Of The Month.

The school will also be involved in Aimhigher's new initiative Tomorrow's Health Professionals Today! so hopefully we will have even more reason for our students to aim higher!

