



Batley Multi Academy Trust

The **Batley Buzz**^{🐝🐝}

The Trust at the heart of the Batley community

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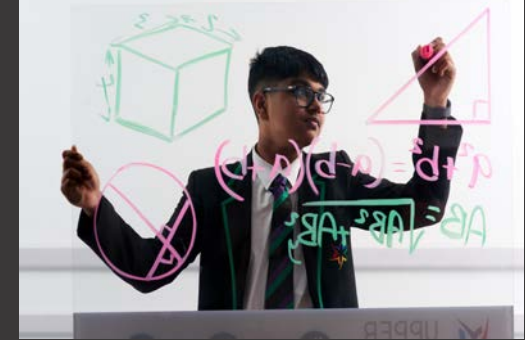
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Our children deserve the best.
No child left behind - ever.
Every school a great school.
Creating remarkable people.



Our Trust Vision

Every young person,
regardless of their background or
starting point, receives a first-class
education, coupled with
high-quality care, guidance and
support.



Our Infant and Primary News



Fond farewells...

Before the summer, emotions were high as we said goodbye to our Year 2 learners, who were all moving to pastures new.

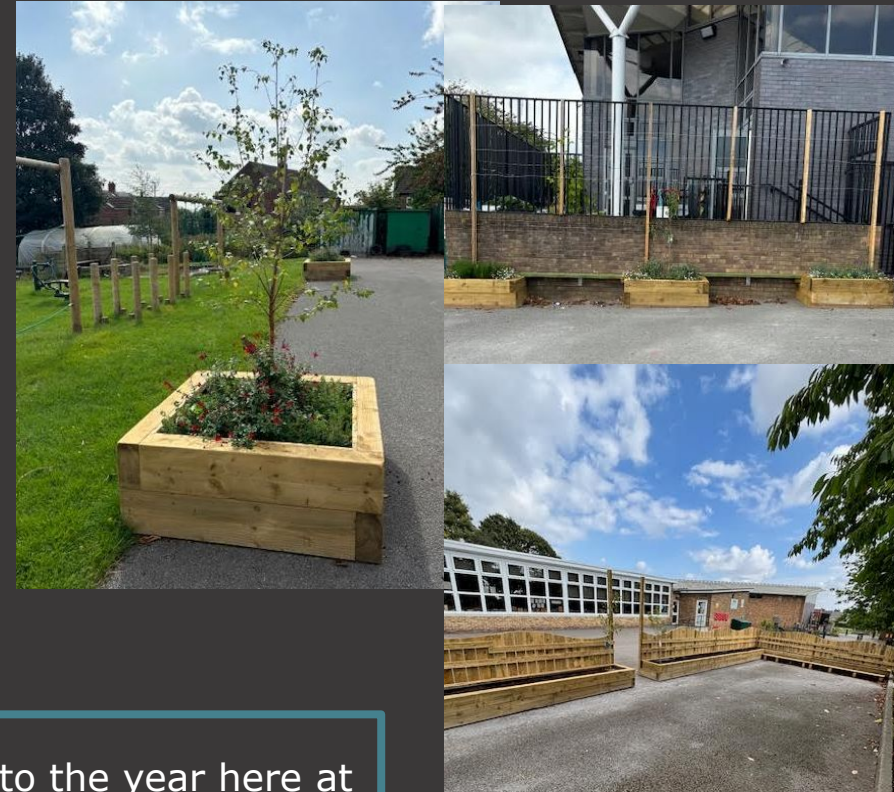
They made us proud with many performances of 'you are special', a trip to the beach and a final graduation ceremony. There were lots of tears shed, but we are all so proud of how our Year 2 have grown and progressed throughout their time with us.



And new, greener hellos...

Over the summer we had work completed on our school grounds to turn our grey concrete areas into fabulous habitats and eco-friendly areas, paid for by a grant from the Royal Horticultural society. Our eco-council worked alongside Mrs Lane-Stewart and Liam Clarke to plan how we could make our school grounds more eco friendly.

We now have fruit trees in our playground, a natural outdoor classroom, living roofs on our storage containers and lots of new eco-friendly seating areas. We have just had the good news that we can apply for more funds, so watch this space!



We have had a wonderful start to the year here at Manorfield; every year it is a pleasure to welcome our new learners into our Manorfield family. Our new Reception cohort have settled into life with us amazingly. With our school being such a hub for the community, it is always a pleasure to meet siblings of learners who have moved on, some of our longer standing members of staff remember parents/carers of new starters attending our school when they were infants too!

Hear My Voice

Our two Year 6 ambassadors impressed everyone at the Trust Annual Conference. They opened the event, speaking to over 700 delegates about the importance of education.

This was an amazing opportunity for them to build their confidence of speaking in front of an audience, which is a great life skill and something we strongly advocate at Field Lane.



Year 6 Graduation

At the end of last year we held our Year 6 Graduation event at Upper Batley High School. Along with all their parents/carers, we celebrated each child's journey through Field Lane and wished them well for the future. It was a fabulous event!



Thank you for hosting us Upper Batley, you helped to make the day even more memorable and special for both our young people and parents/carers.

Batley Heritage Parade

For the Batley Heritage Parade, Year 4 learners have been making huge sculptures from wicker and tissue with artists, Tony and Helen. Our structures represent Batley's role in the industrial revolution.



Year 6 leavers

After a fantastic 6 years we said goodbye to our primary phase leavers for 2024. These learners have worked so hard during their time with us and were able to finish the year with some fantastic activities to celebrate!

They had the opportunity to write, direct and perform their own leavers performance which was a wonderful show that fellow learners and parents/carers really enjoyed. They also had fun on a bouncy castle, ice cream on the field and their year concluded with our leavers' afternoon tea where our learners shared pizza and snacks with their families.



Reception class explore magnets

As the reception class settles into their new school routine, their excitement for learning is as magnetic as ever! Our young learners are diving into the world of magnets, discovering how these invisible forces repel and attract, just like their eagerness to explore their new environment.

With their curiosity in full swing, it is clear that these young learners are already showing signs of being magnetic young people, drawn irresistibly to the wonders of science as they embark on their exciting learning journeys!



Transforming outdoor spaces

Due to the hard work of Liam, our incredibly talented gardener, we have been transforming parts of our school grounds. We now have our very own 'living roof' and also have some great growing areas that our learners can help to take good care of.



Our ELSA and 'The Retreat'

Mrs Knapton is our trained 'Emotional Literacy Support Assistant' (ELSA). She works hard to ensure our learners can reach their potential socially, emotionally and academically. She supports learners with their emotional development and helps them to cope with life's challenges.

'The Retreat' provides a space in school where our young people can escape for a mindful moment or a supportive chat.



Learner show and tell provides inspiration for art lesson

One of our Year 6 learners, has a keen interest in the history of the armed forces. He brought in some old shells from his collection as the class have been learning about World War 2. These were then used in an art lesson, focussing on how to use tone and shadow for effect.



Alien invasion for Year 1

Has there been an alien landing in Healey School playground? Or was this a staged 'hook' to help Year 1 learners become captivated by their new class text, 'Beegu'? We'll let you decide...

Our Secondary News



BATLEY GIRLS'
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Year 10 employers' day

In July, all our Year 10 learners had a day out to visit a wide range of employers and universities across 16 locations in the region to provide our, now Year 11 young people with an experience to inform their next steps on their education journey.

There was over 16 organisations involved. Businesses included;

- Allied Health - Nursing, Operating Department Practitioner (ODP)
- Huddersfield Giants - sports related careers
- 02/Virgin looking at Careers in AI (Artificial intelligence)
- Production Park
- Trillium Flow Technologies - Engineering



The primary schools in our Trust family also supported with placements for early years and primary teaching.

A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing support!



Wonderland in Batley

Lewis Carroll wrote 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' in 1865, since then the story has been re-imagined in numerous ways. In July, we presented our version of this classic tale, staying faithful to the original story while adding a variety of songs from recent decades.

The performance was enjoyed by 120 children from some of our Trust Primary Schools and later by an audience of 200 friends, family and staff. The commitment and energy shown by the whole cast during the months of rehearsal and the excellent accompanying music provided by the band were superb - well done everyone, it was a performance to remember!

Bonnes vacances à tous!

For a cultural immersion, learners from Year 10 and Year 11 went on a five day residential to France during the last week of the 23/24 academic year. Most had studied French and/or History and were able to experience 'in real life' what they had learnt in school.

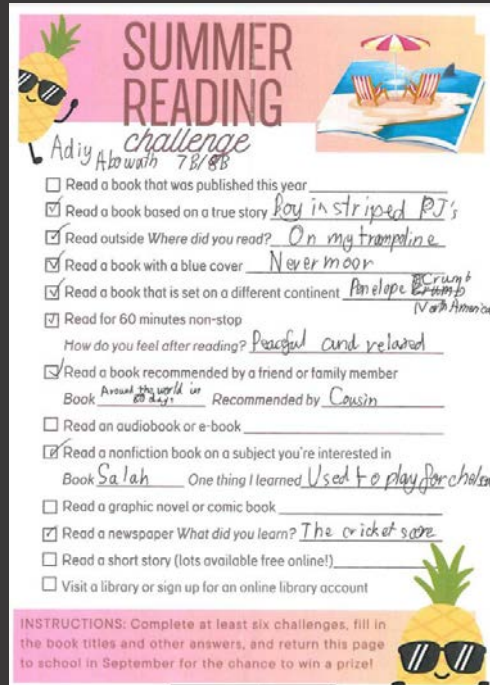
We packed in a lot of sights during the visit. From a day in Paris during the pre-Olympics frenzy we saw Montparnasse Tower at sunset. We also visited Château de Versailles, the palace of King Louis XIV before heading to Giverny in Normandy and the beautiful gardens that inspired the painter Monet. We also visited the sights of the D-Day landings, which was emotional before heading to Honfleur where we bought souvenirs and pastries.



Summer reading challenge

This summer, our secondary learners embarked on an adventurous reading challenge, completing six exciting activities that took them on a literary journey across different genres and themes. Each book they read enabled them to complete an activity.

To sweeten the deal, their hard work was rewarded with a delicious array of American candy, turning their reading accomplishments into a truly 'treat-y' experience.



SUMMER READING challenge
Adig Abowath 7B/8B

- Read a book that was published this year
- Read a book based on a true story Boy in striped PJ's
- Read outside Where did you read? On my trampoline
- Read a book with a blue cover Never moor
- Read a book that is set on a different continent Penelope ^{Crumb} ~~Crumb~~ _{North America}
- Read for 60 minutes non-stop
How do you feel after reading? Peaceful and relaxed
- Read a book recommended by a friend or family member
Book Around the world in 80 days Recommended by Cousin
- Read an audiobook or e-book
- Read a nonfiction book on a subject you're interested in
Book Sa lah One thing I learned Used to play for Chelsea
- Read a graphic novel or comic book
- Read a newspaper What did you learn? The cricket score
- Read a short story (lots available free online!)
- Visit a library or sign up for an online library account

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete at least six challenges, fill in the book titles and other answers, and return this page to school in September for the chance to win a prize!

Year 11 leavers

During August we returned to school to celebrate with our Key Stage 4 leavers as they returned to collect their results. It is a testament to their hard work and dedication that each individual achieved their best outcomes and was able to secure the post-16 provision they wished for.

As always, we are immensely proud of each and every learner and the dedication and resilience they demonstrate during this most critical time of their learning journey. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and look forward to seeing how they progress in their lives beyond Batley Grammar.



Annual Lego challenge

We hosted Turner & Townsend last week to deliver the annual Lego challenge to our new Year 7 learners.

This involved building a tower over 30cm which had to withstand shaking tests on a conveyor belt, but also had to weigh the lightest. Our learners used many different skills such as; teambuilding, problem solving, leadership and creativity.

It was a great session for our new Year 7s who really enjoyed the task and working with others, making some new friends too!



Turner & Townsend



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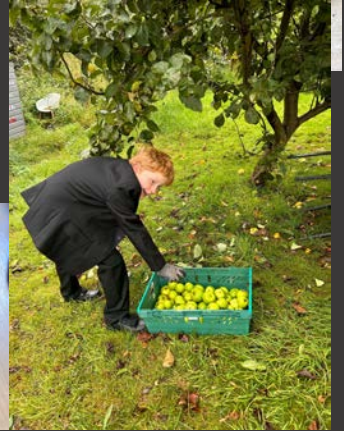
Field to fork in action - cultivating our home grown ingredients and products

One of our horticulture learners has been very busy this week helping with the apple harvest. He has been picking cooking apples for our school kitchen. The apples will be used to make apple pies for all our learners. Chillies grown in our school polytunnel by our learners, have now been shared with our kitchen staff to make a lovely curry for our young people and staff, and the abundance of grapes that have been grown are the perfect addition for a fruit salad.

We've also been very busy with our bees making our honey products, which are all produced from our very own on-site bees and the honey is all natural.

Growing our own here at UBHS not only provides healthy additions for our kitchen's ingredients' list, but is an enriching experience for our learners. Having the opportunity to learn about climate and the conditions that different food types need to grow and thrive is an educational experience in itself and provides important life skills for our young people.

Harvest time is here for sure - it really is field to fork on-site at UBHS!



Modeshift stars - school of the region event

We hold the outstanding level of Modeshift stars and we are proud to announce that we have been invited to their school of the region event in October. The winner of this event will then go to London for the national event in March.

The STARS Education scheme recognises schools and other educational establishments that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel.



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Our Sixth Form News



Inspirational role models

We were honoured to welcome Dr Shefaly Yogendra, to speak to our BG6 learners.

Shefaly Yogendra is a specialist in governance, risk and decision-making, with over two decades experience, including a PhD in decision making from the University of Cambridge. Shefaly combines her education with her experience of having lived and worked in three continents, to bring a unique perspective to startups in luxury and technology sectors.

Imparting her experience was invaluable to our young people and her training skills span from undergraduates to CEOs and board directors so she is adept at adapting to and communicating with a range of audiences to land the right messages.

BG6 learners were inspired and impassioned by her words of expertise.



SPEAKERS
for schools

The launch of EPQ

Dr Joe Stanley from the University of Leeds visited BG6 earlier this month to launch the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to Year 12.

A visit to the university, with the EPQ cohort, is planned for early October to look at research skills, using academic journals, libraries and subject specific insights.

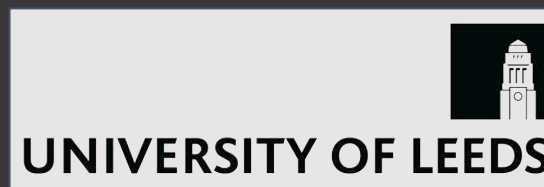


Exhilarating Enrichment and Super Societies!

We're super excited that the new 'all-singing, all-dancing' enrichment programme has been launched - it's our best ever!

Year 13 want to change their sessions from termly, to half-termly so they can experience more of the brilliant options on offer, in the time they have left with us.

The enrichment programme also includes the launch of our BG6 Societies: STEM, Law, Motorsport, Events and Fundraising, Medicine and Dentistry. These societies are focussed on the areas of interest for our young people and will enhance their studies.



Our Curriculum Enrichment

CCF (Combined Cadet Force)

- based at Batley Grammar School.

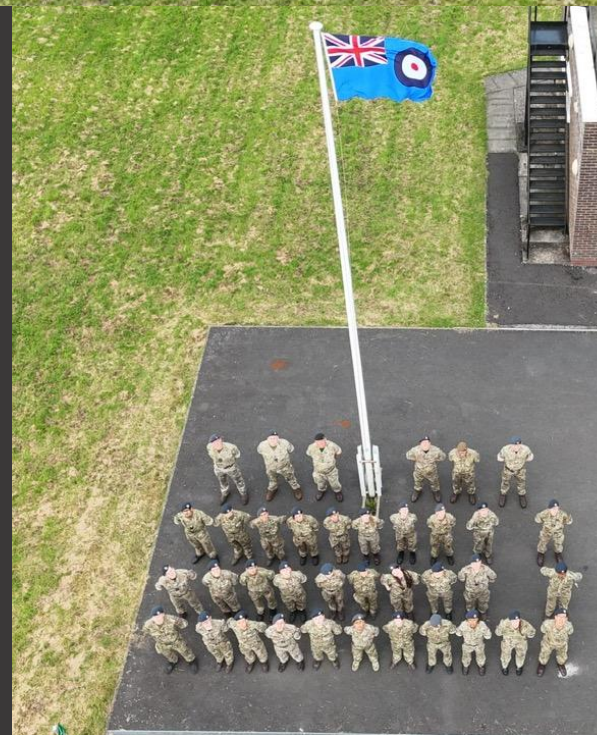
Developing leadership skills, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Annual RAF Camp: HMS Inskip, near Blackpool

Our group of young people were joined by cadets from two other schools - they quickly integrated and spent the week working together on various team building activities.

All the cadets had a fulfilling experience taking part in a variety of activities to help develop their resilience, teamwork and leadership skills. Activities included rock climbing, abseiling and paintballing. Cadets had a particularly enjoyable day at Scotsman's Flash in Wigan, where they took part in various water sport activities, as well as building their own rafts.

A small number of cadets were chosen at random to take part in the Air Experience Flight at RAF Woodvale where they were had the amazing opportunity to take control of a military training aircraft. The camp concluded with a trip to Blackpool pleasure beach where the cadets enjoyed some relaxation time after their hectic week!



Our Staff Superheroes



Paul Robinson

Paul is a caretaker at UBHS and he always goes the extra mile to help others across our Trust family of schools. Paul is very knowledgeable and skilled, and always does a professional and highly efficient job.



Elaine Milligan

Huge congratulations to Elaine in the Governance Team for passing her CGI Accredited Level 3 Certificate in Clerking of School and Academy Governing Boards. We recognise your hard work, dedication, and the time taken - this is a significant achievement.



Lucy Swierczynski

Lucy is Head of Art at BGHS and has been strategically managing the department through a period of change. On top of that she also ran a session on the power of visual imagery at the Trust Annual Conference. Thanks for all your hard work and expertise!



Sharon Tinker

Sharon is MIS (Management Information System) Manager at BGHS and is being recognised for all her amazing support with exam results during the summer holidays - we couldn't have done it without her!



Amna Farid

Amna is a champion of self-improvement and has led the parent/carer engagement at the Field Lane school since 2019. She recently held a graduation ceremony for a group of parents/carers who'd successfully completed the phonics course she ran for two years.



Laura Bland

Laura is the Trust's Director of Governance & Compliance. Laura recently completed the Company Secretary Course and passed with Distinction. This course is industry standard and Laura took part with business professionals from around the world. This is a significant achievement. Really well done Laura.



Our Staff Superheroes



Julie Bazan

Julie was a cleaner at UBHS and retired in September, after 10 years' service. Julie always had a smile for everyone and was a invaluable member of the team. Thank you for all your years of service - we hope you enjoy your retirement, you've earned it!



Angie Garside

For her brilliant work in improving attendance and reducing persistent absence at UBHS. Angie works diligently to always help others and offers great support to her peers in UBHS and across our Trust family of schools.



Emma Rodrigues, Rebecca Sokol, Sandeep Kaur

For all your hard work for the submission, providing all the evidence required, and consequently attaining the Gold Mental Health Award for the Yorkshire Rose Teaching Partnership.

Huge well done, this is a great achievement!



Katie and Paula

Since our annual conference day, Paula has had two swimming lessons with Katie and is absolutely smashing her goal!

Huge well done to you both; kindness and collaboration at its best!



Our Community Work ...

really means a lot to us, and we see our Trust and our schools at the very heart of our community.

Community Makes Us and it is the *unity* in community that matters.

Annual Trust Conference

Our annual Trust conference took place on Monday 2 September, with a 700+ strong staff team, to kick-start the 2024/25 academic year. The conference was opened by two amazing learners in Year 6 at Field Lane as well as a brilliant BG6 Year 13 learner who spoke about hope and belonging in Batley.

The majority of the day involved staff attending CPD sessions, chosen by them, from a wide choice of 36 to suit a breadth of topics and areas of interest. From Autism, How to get a good night's sleep; Why Reading Matters and AI - there was something for everyone to enhance staff knowledge and learn more about the great work taking place across our Trust family of schools.

To close the day we welcomed Luke Staton, motivational speaker, who talked about being brave, achieving your dreams and setting goals for adults as well as our young people. Luke also shone a spotlight on Amna Farid, a member of staff at Field Lane who has led parent/carer groups since 2019 to help support the needs of families in the school community - it was a complete surprise to her but wonderful that she was recognised in this way.

Gold Mental Health Award for Yorkshire Rose Teaching Partnership

The Yorkshire Rose Teaching Partnership have now been recognised with the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools 'ITE Partnership Mental Health Award' – Gold Status.

Huge congratulations to the Yorkshire Rose team; Emma Rodrigues and Rebecca Sokol, as well as Sandeep Kaur who helped significantly with the award submission.



The Fields

Community Spaces at Field Lane and Manorfield

The Fields Community Spaces are situated at two of our primary schools in the heart of the Batley community; Field Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School and Manorfield Infant and Nursery School. Both sites have fully equipped spacious professional conference rooms that can be hired out for meetings, training sessions, seminars and workshops.

We are able to host courses and workshops as well as meetings. A snapshot of last year's courses are pictured here and include: ESOL - end of year celebration, 'create time for wellbeing'- craft club, 'unwind with gardening' to revive outdoor spaces and help people feel uplifted/mindful. Many others also took place from phonics training to menopause info-sessions and an 'eat well for less' - cooking course. There's something for everyone!

To start this year we are hosting a range of sessions including; moderation, first aid training, Locala toilet training workshops and ESOL classes.

Find us at:

Field Lane: Albion Street, Batley, WF17 5AH

Manorfield: Manor Way, Batley, WF17 7DQ



The Fields
Community Spaces



Contact The Fields Community Space Administrator for more information:

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Careers work

Partnerships are key

We pride ourselves on our relationships with business partners who provide the breadth and depth to enrich our learners' experiences to inform their choices for their future career development.

We value the importance of strengthening and broadening our connections and extending our reach to give us greater involvement in more sectors and different industries, locally, regionally and nationally.

We also need to ensure our careers' provision is inclusive and caters for all our learners; this includes building the right links to deliver opportunities for our young people with SEND needs and supporting our primaries so they are able to attain the Gatsby Benchmarks through the application of a primary-focussed framework.

"By working together and more closely both, as a Trust family of schools, and with our partners, is the best way to develop and refine our careers provision across the Trust family of schools so that each and every one of our young people have the best possible future ahead of them." - Trust Careers Network



Our wider links

Our family of schools
Works closely with the
BBEST Hub.

Take a look at
their website for
details of local services,
support and activities.

We are proud to lead the
Yorkshire Rose Teaching Partnership
- providing high quality primary
and secondary teacher training
in West Yorkshire.
This consortium includes 15 local
schools, Exceed SCITT and local
Higher Education Institutions.

Our schools play a key role in the
Calderdale & Kirklees Teaching
School Hub. This Hub offers support
to over 400 schools across our
region. The purpose of the hub is to
provide high-quality professional
development for teachers and
leaders.

We are proud to
partner with the Global
Equality Collective. We
are working with them
to support our
approach to inclusion
for staff and learners,
driven by our belief
that no child should be
left behind, ever.



Support & advice for parents/carers and families

Childnet International has produced a very informative resource for parents/carers to help you keep your child safe online:
www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/



For young people;

Childline

Providing help & support for under 18s.

0800 11 11

www.childline.org.uk



The Mix

Provides essential support for 13-25 year olds.

www.themix.org.uk



Batley Multi Academy Trust

For families;

NSPCC

Free support & advice for parents/carers worried about a young person.

0808 800 500

www.nspcc.org.uk



Family Lives

Free, professional non-judgemental advice.

0800 800 2222

www.familylives.org.uk



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