



Batley Multi Academy Trust

The **Batley Buzz**^{🐝🐝}

The Trust at the heart of the Batley community

November 2024

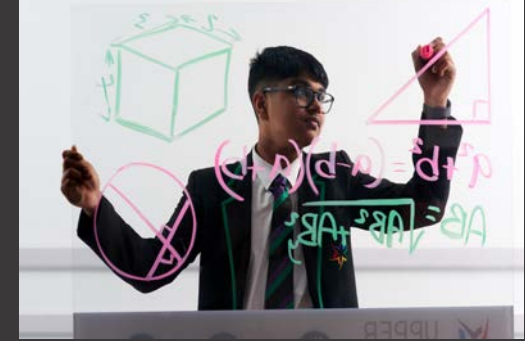
Edition 3

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



Inter Faith Week Celebrations

As part of our Inter Faith Week celebrations, we had a series of visits to local places of worship. Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Masjid-e-noor and Madressa Anwarool-Islam on Dark Lane. The staff at the mosque and young scholars from Cambridge Street School delivered exciting and engaging sessions about being a Muslim, and lots of interesting information about Islam. Year 1 visited our neighbours at Staincliffe Church, where Fr. Hewitt showed the children around the church building and spoke to them about Christianity.

We are incredibly thankful to our local faith leaders for allowing us to visit their wonderful places of worship. We have linked Interfaith Week into our value of respect, through developing an understanding of what discrimination is and how we can challenge this.



Reception 2025 - Open Afternoon

We ran an after school open afternoon for our prospective September 2025 new starters, where we got to showcase our wonderfully well resourced reception area to prospective families. Families had a chance to play within our provision and speak to staff and leaders including our SENDCo. We still warmly welcome any prospective new starters to make contact with us so we can arrange an opportunity for a school visit to see what makes Manorfield School so special.

Anti-Bullying Week 2024

We celebrated anti bullying week by wearing odd socks and reinforcing the message that it is good to be different! The children had a special assembly about anti bullying and showing respect. **See more on our Community page...**

Harvest Food Bank

We are very lucky at Manorfield to have an incredibly supportive and generous school community. We decided to give back to our local community through food donations to Batley Food Bank. We could not believe the amount of food and personal hygiene items that were donated. It took more than one car journey to deliver it all!

We are proud to be raising and educating global citizens who care about our local community.



Super learning day with Art and Science

All our learners from Year 1 through to Year 6 took part in different science and art activities focused on the theme of 'change'.

The children worked in mixed-age groups and were joined by many helpful parents/carers. The event encouraged curiosity and creativity in abundance!

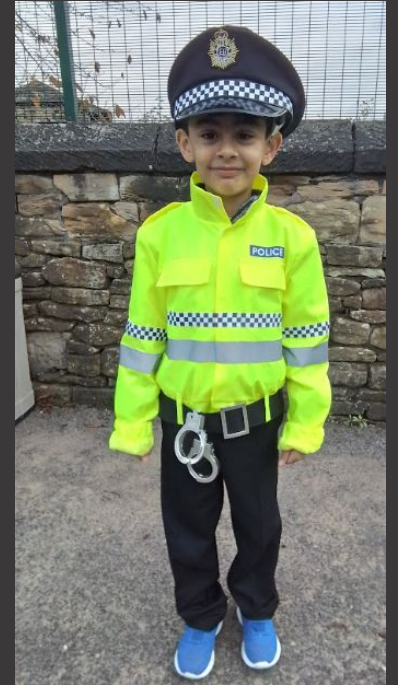


Road Safety Week

Two special assemblies on road safety were delivered by Letty from the Kirklees Road Safety Team.

Our Junior Road Safety Ambassadors (JTAs) organised a 'Be Bright Be Seen' day and everyone came to school in bright clothing!

Our JTAs wanted to raise awareness around the importance of wearing something bright outside near the roads especially during winter times.



Festive fire pits!

Early Years and Key Stage 1 were treated to a proper autumn fire pit experience with marshmallows, hot chocolate and songs!



Outdoor Learning

This half term, year 1 have been learning all about autumnal nature with Mrs Porter. She has continued her seasonal projects with primary learners by making a large picture frame made of pine cones, which will be displayed in the school's Visitor Reception. This week, Reception learners decorated the pine cones with paint and glitter and secondary learners were on hand to assist Mrs Porter and the primary learners, embracing outdoor learning opportunities.

The children really enjoyed the activity, especially getting the glitter out - who doesn't love a bit of glitter?!



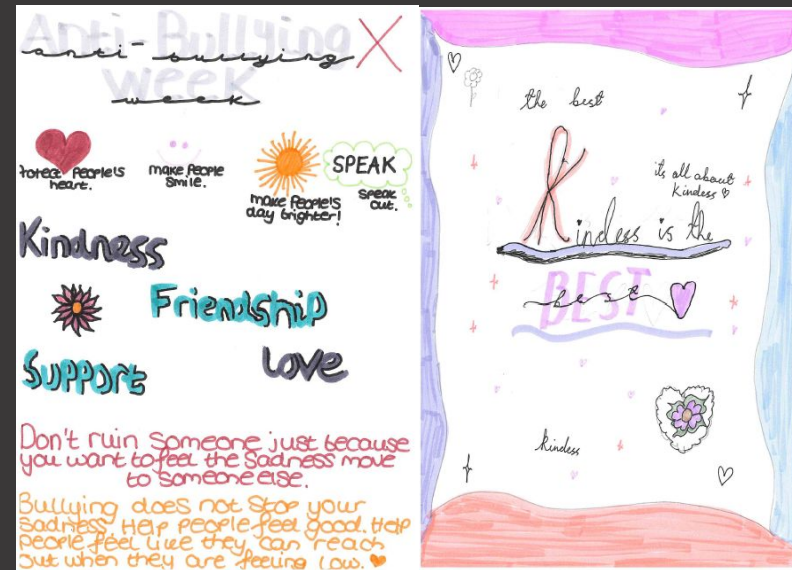
Learners supporting anti-bullying

Written by two Year 6 learners.

In November, we celebrated anti-bullying week. To celebrate this event, we all wore odd socks or different coloured socks. This shows that we are all individuals and there is no reason to be unkind to one another. We celebrate this so people really think about anti-bullying and what it is. Some people may ask, "why do we have to wear odd socks?"

It is so that people know we are all different and the colours represent other people's backgrounds.

We wear odd socks to show our individuality and show that we are all important.





Live Ballet Workshop

2RC took part in a live ballet workshop with Royal Ballet and Opera (RBO). They saw live performances; travelled through time from the roots of ballet to the modern day; had a sneak backstage at all the preparations which go into a ballet performance and learned a motif.

Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake, Baker's man...

Year 2 became bakers as they travelled back in time to Pudding Lane in 1666. Learners compared a 17th Century bread recipe with a modern day recipe and thoroughly enjoyed measuring, sifting, stirring and kneading; however, everyone agreed that the best part was tasting! Parents/carers also joined a special workshop to recreate the Great Fire of London.



Reception classes' kindness tree

All the learners spoke about who their friend was and what they liked about them. They then added their comments to the tree. ❤️

Having received a bag full of sports equipment from Super Movers, the learners played, took turns and shared resources showing how important kindness is for everybody!



Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated throughout school, with every class learning how to stay safe and what to do if bullying should ever happen.



Our Secondary News



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Sit and Sew

Just before half term, Year 7 learners were welcomed to a 'Sit and Sew' session as a focus for creativity, as well as wellbeing. The theme was to create hand embroidered card leaves to celebrate Autumn. The results were fabulous!

Two weeks of winter-inspired crafts are planned for the end of this half term - watch this space...



Year 11 Celebration Evening

It was superb to reinstate this event and welcome our Year 11 leavers from summer 2024 back to celebrate their successes. It was an evening for reuniting with hugs, praise and catch ups amongst the crowd of visitors to the school.

The awards presented recognised the resilience, determination, commitment and spirit of these brilliant young people. The atmosphere was charged with emotion and elation as each individual stepped up to receive their certificate.

Also attending were two alumni; Humaira Bham who has been selected as one of the BBC's 'Voices of Bradford' for Bradford 2025 and Samreen Akhtar, former Crown Prosecutor and now working as a Barrister in Bradford and Leeds. Their words were relatable as former learners and inspirational along with some great tips about making a difference, continuing to learn and enjoying the journey!



'Meet the author' event

Earlier this month, 50 lucky learners across Year 7 and 8 were invited to a virtual 'meet the author event' with the one and only best selling children's author, Jacqueline Wilson.

Learners were greeted with the first chapter of Jacqueline's brand new book, 'Star of The Show,' which they will each receive a copy of once it is published later this month. Learners listened in awe to Jacqueline's responses to questions such as 'When did you write your first book?', 'How did you know you wanted to become an author?' and 'How long did it take for you to be a published author'. This was such an inspiring event for learners and staff alike, with a key takeaway, to never give up on your childhood dreams and to read, read and read some more!



Remembrance Day

As part of Batley Grammar School's long standing history and tradition, the school observed Remembrance Day, alongside many others across Britain, with a two minutes silence carried out in class at 11am. Y7's had a Remembrance assembly and were able to observe this together. In the lead up to Remembrance Day prefects sold poppies and other Royal British Legion merchandise to raise funds for this important cause.



Leaping lizards! We got Annie!

Secondary phase learners began their rehearsals for the production of 'Annie' back in the summer term; demonstrating fantastic determination, commitment, creativity and grit.

The annual school production requires endless time and effort from both learners and staff, and we couldn't be more proud of those involved. The final touches are now being made, with a newly recruited technical team and we can't wait to see all the elements come together.

Tickets are now on sale for two performance dates in December. See the 'Our community' page for more details.



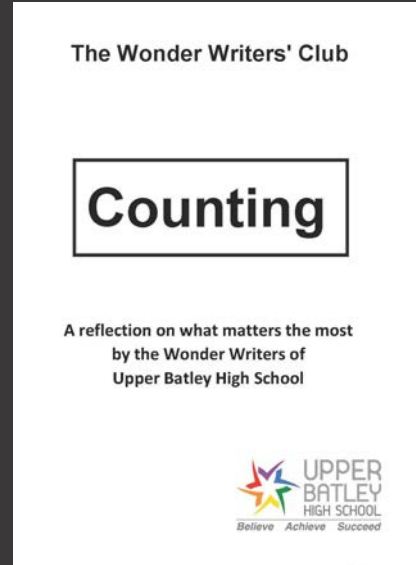
Young Poet Laureate Awards

Our wonderful 'Wonder Writers' learners have had the opportunity to submit entries for West Yorkshire's Young Poet Laureate 2024-2025.

They have written poems around this year's National Poetry Week theme of 'Counting' which have been submitted to be judged by the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin and the National Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage.

We are incredibly proud of the work our learners have created, which we have collated into an anthology of their poems as a record of their achievement.

We will now wait in anticipation of the announcement regarding the Young Poet Laureate of West Yorkshire - we are keeping our fingers crossed!



Learners create mural with artist

The team in our Personalised Learning Centre (PLC) for learners with SEND had an eventful and creative day!

We welcomed Emma Denby, an artist who specialised in large scale sculpture and installation. She worked with our learners with SEND to create a mural for the PLC that was developed through ideas and the creativity of our young people.

The purpose of the session was so much more than a creative exercise to improve the appearance of the PLC for our learners. Its purpose was also to develop communication and interaction, the following of instructions and working as a team, and our learners did brilliantly!



Remembering History through Maths: Learners Crack WWII Codes

In honour of Remembrance Day, learners embarked on a fascinating journey through history, exploring how mathematics played a crucial role in shaping the course of World War II. Inspired by the story of Alan Turing and the Enigma machine, Year 7 through to Year 10 learned how mathematicians used logic and ciphers to decode encrypted German messages - skills that helped the Allies turn the tide of the war.

Learners uncovered a new cipher technique and practice decoding messages, just as Turing and his team did at Bletchley Park, with a focus on World War II codes. Through these interactive lessons, they also reveal new facts about the war, gaining insights into the incredible impact of mathematical thinking in real-world challenges.

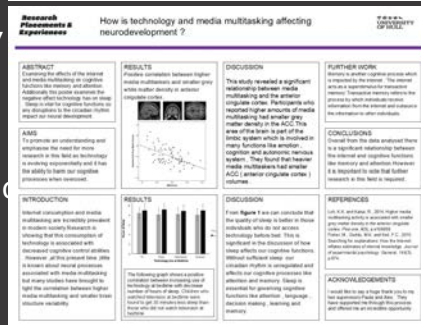


Our Sixth Form News



Research project experience

During the summer, one of our Year 13 psychology learners took part in a research project in collaboration with Nuffield Research Placements and the University of Hull on "How is technology affecting neurodevelopment?". She was shortlisted, along with approximately 50 others, and once a fortnight, worked with her supervisor, from the University of Hull, who guided her through this rigorous project. After five months of hard work and determination, we are pleased to say the research project has been completed: "How is technology affecting neurodevelopment?" A bibliographic review evaluating the effects of media multitasking and the internet on brain structures and cognitive processes. Well done - we're very proud of you!



UK Parliament Week

Year 12 learners led a Question Time event in recognition of UK Parliament Week; joined by MP Iqbal Mohamad, Cllr Yusra Hussain and Cllr Joshua Sheard - it was a brilliant event!



Annual Writers' Showcase

The Annual Writers' Showcase is a national writing competition for schools, helping to turn imagination and creativity into confidence and writing ability. Our learners completed their entries in their own time and a book to showcase these stories will be published in addition to a copy of their stories being kept in the National Archive. What an achievement! We are incredibly proud of their creativity and skills as writers.



Preparation, preparation, preparation...

UCAS interview preparation season has well and truly started. We have our first Pharmacy offers after formal interviews, and an offer from King's College London to study Medical Physiology. We are incredibly proud that our first medicine interviews are starting to come in - a truly phenomenal feat making it to the top 8% of applicants. We will be right behind them helping them to prepare and cheering them on in the wings!



Open Evening

There was a great turnout for Open Evening, earlier this month, the Batley Buzz was definitely in the air!

[Applications are now open](#)



Our Curriculum Enrichment

CCF (Combined Cadet Force)

- based at Batley Grammar School.

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

Visit to Inskip Cadet Centre 11-12 November 2024

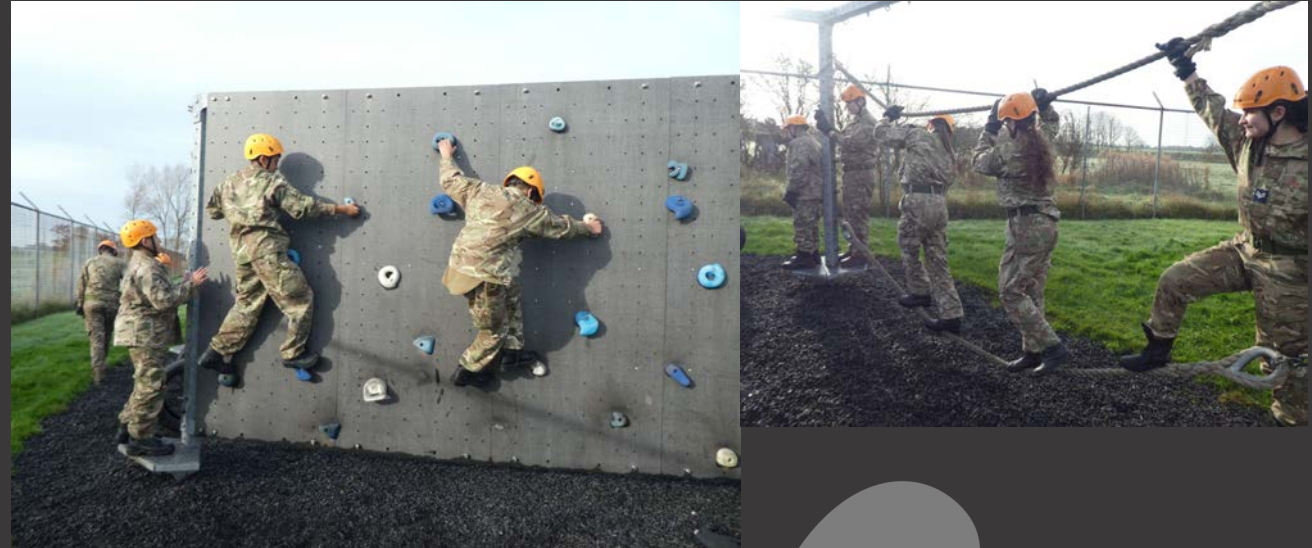
A mix of 38 Army and RAF cadets, from Year 9 and Year 10, visited Inskip Cadet Centre over a two day period earlier this month. For the majority, this was their first experience of cadet life outside of school.

Inskip Cadet Centre is purpose built for cadets, it is organised by the RAF and is open to both Army and RAF cadets.

The aim of the visit was to introduce the cadets to new activities to challenge themselves and stretch their comfort zone.

The engaging learning activities included archery, low ropes and a climbing wall as well as a Virtual Reality session onboard the International Space Station.

This range of fantastic activities tested both mental and physical stamina. The feedback from our cadets was overwhelmingly positive and it has been proposed that we plan another visit for early in the new year.



Our Staff Superheroes



Huda Khan

For her dedication and the success that's been achieved with The Fields Community Spaces. Between September - November 2024, there have been 75 sessions delivered to 570 members of the community.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Team at Healey

Munira Lunat (Reception Teaching Assistant), Amy Lomas (ECT) and Claire Virr (EYFS Leader) are staff superheroes for the fantastic work they do, with the whole EYFS team. Amy is new to Reception this year. Munira is very experienced and has been going over above to support learners with SEND and Claire leads the team brilliantly.



Emma Rodrigues

For championing apprenticeships; promoting and supporting the apprenticeships campaign as well as supporting those embarking on their apprenticeship journey.



PE Team at UBHS

Dan Bamfield, Farai Nyamunda and Ismail Laher regularly go above and beyond to support learners with an extensive extracurricular timetable. Recently, the Under 13s have made the table tennis regional finals after a victory against Ackworth. This is a huge achievement as Ackworth have a great provision with private coaches and state of the art equipment. The regional finals have now taken place, at UBHS, and the team have made the National Finals. Huge congratulations!



Reception Team

The whole Reception Team for their fantastic work preparing and delivering our open afternoon for prospective parents/carers and their children. We had such amazing feedback on our provision, which is a real testament to what the team do and we look forward to welcoming our new starters in September 2025.

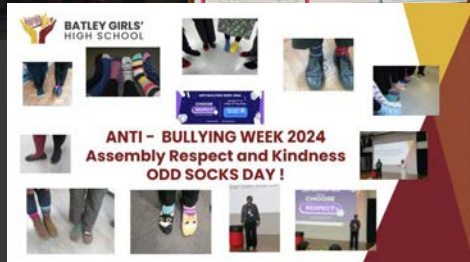
Our Community Work ...

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.

Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Our Trust family of schools have been learning about the different types of bullying and participating in lots of different Anti-Bullying Week 2024 activities, supporting the theme of 'Choose Respect'. Learners focussed on respect in all its forms; for themselves, for others and the wider community as well as how they can put this respect into action. Our schools also raised awareness through themed assemblies, wearing odd socks, creating posters and learning how to sign respect.



This month, we have been supporting Movember across our Trust family of schools.

Movember are the leading global charity changing the face of men's health.

They exist to stop men dying too young by tackling some of the most complex health issues facing men today – mental health, suicide, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

It's about having a good time for a good cause!

Some colleagues have grown a moustache, the symbol for better men's health that also gets attention and starts important conversations.

Other colleagues have set themselves the task of running or walking 60km during Movember for the 60 men lost to suicide every hour across the world.

Batley Grammar School: Annual Production

You can buy tickets now...



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Proud to be a part of
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Presents...

Annie

Tuesday 17 December 2024
Wednesday 18 December 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm
Performance begins at 7:00pm

Adults £7
Child £4

Family (2x Adults & 2x Children) £20

Tickets available from Batley Grammar School Reception
Carlinghow Hill, WF17 0AD & via ParentPay



ANNIE

Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Chamin
Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols
Produced by Irwin Meyer, Stephen S. Friedson, Lewis Allen, Avni Niederlander Associates Inc.
The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Iconus Productions
Based on "Little Orphan Annie" by permission of the Tribune Media Services Inc.
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

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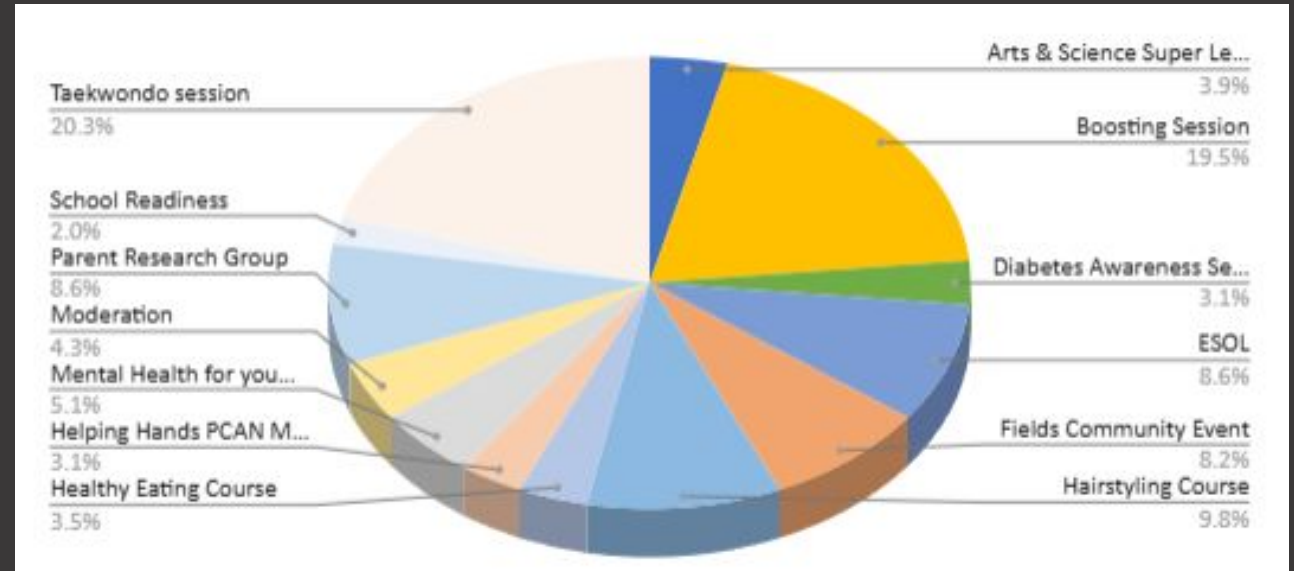
Community Spaces at Field Lane and Manorfield



The Fields
Community Spaces

We hold regular **Community Events** at both sites where you can come along and discuss what interests you and what you might like to see running next in terms of new sessions.

- The most recent sessions were attended by Sky Positive Minds, Realise Training and included a body scrub making session.
- We recently held a hairstyling course; a five hour course which took place over two days, which 14 people attended, learning useful skills for how to style their children's hair.
- We're currently running a healthy eating support programme with Kirklees Wellness Team, holding sessions in both Urdu and English at each site. These are running until Friday 20 December.
- You can see the range of sessions offered in the pie chart opposite.



New for 2025!

Realise Training will be running **FREE courses** from January 2025 and you will receive an accredited certification.

There will be a range of courses available including; autism, IT and mental health.

Contact The Fields Community Space Administrator for more information or to let us know what you'd like to see:

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Batley, WF17 5AH

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Batley, WF17 7DQ

Careers: the golden thread

GB Para-athlete

Inspiring roles and opportunities

Our secondary schools place great importance on holding their annual careers fairs and we are supported by local, national and global businesses as well as Further Education and Higher Education providers. These organisations are often represented by members of our alumni, which is brilliant for our learners to relate to someone who was once in 'their shoes'.

We have strong bonds with our alumni who are keen to maintain the links with our schools either in governance roles or through supporting events such as celebration evenings. Our primaries take every opportunity to showcase a diverse range of roles and provide opportunities to develop skills that will enhance learners' aspirations for the future.

You can't be what you can't see.

Public speaking



Girls' football



One of BBC's 'Voices of Bradford' (for Bradford 2025)



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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



For families;

NSPCC

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

0808 800 500

www.nspcc.org.uk



The Mix

Provides essential support for 13-25 year olds.

www.themix.org.uk



Family Lives

Free, professional non-judgemental advice.

0800 800 2222

www.familylives.org.uk



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