

Reflections on this half term

As we approach the final half term of the academic year, I continue to be impressed by the maturity and focus shown by Year 9. Many students are now beginning to look ahead to the next stage of their learning journey, with a growing awareness of the importance of Year 10 and the GCSE years. There is a real sense of excitement building as students prepare to step into Key Stage 4, and we are proud of the thoughtful, committed approach many are already taking.

Enrichment

Year 9 continue to show an outstanding level of engagement beyond the classroom. It's been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in a wide range of extracurricular opportunities—from music and 'Bradfest', to Student Council, Subject Leaders, Reading Mentors, and LORIC leaders. These roles offer excellent opportunities for personal development and leadership, and we are incredibly proud of the initiative and enthusiasm this year group has shown.

Useful to know...

We have recently had Kooth come in to school to give assemblies to all students. Kooth is an online, mental wellbeing community. Access free, safe and anonymous. Students can up at www.kooth.com

Positives

It was delightful to run the end of term assembly just after Easter and I was delighted to see some new names on the top students of the term leader board. Well done for all those students who made it on the top 5!

Attendance

Attendance remains a top priority for Bradfield School, and I'm pleased to say that Year 9 students continue to make a strong effort to attend consistently. It was especially rewarding to see so many of them enjoy the recent ice cream reward—a meaningful way to celebrate their dedication to being in school and making the most of their learning time.



Y9 SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY – HEPP

A group of Year 9 students recently had the opportunity to visit Sheffield Hallam University as part of our partnership with HEPP (Higher Education Progression Partnership). This inspiring trip allowed students to explore university life, broaden their aspirations, and begin thinking about long-term goals. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they engaged with the experience.



What's coming up

In June, students will receive further information about their confirmed GCSE option choices. It's important that students and families review these carefully when they are given to students and let us know straight away if there are any errors or concerns. We want to ensure that each student begins Year 10 with the right combination of subjects to support their aspirations.