

Year 8 Bulletin

Semester 1 Week 16



Key Stage Leader and Year Leader messages:

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 8 students back after the Christmas break. They have made an excellent start to the term, demonstrating growing maturity as they continue with their assessments. Their positive attitude, resilience, and enthusiasm have been evident, and we are really proud of the progress they are making.

If you have any further feedback or wish to follow anything up, please contact us on year8@bentonpark.mlt.co.uk

Top Value Students

Week 13:

Amelia R
Mabel M
Bethan W
Holly KA
Aliz H

Top Value Students

Week 14:

Amelia R
Olivia JS
Lyra B
Sebastian J
Anayah W

Top Value Students

Week 15:

Oscar R
Ted G
Chloe M
Phoebe D
Taylor M

Dates for the Diary:

27th January – Smashed Live Theatre Performance in school
13th February – Training Day
16-20th February – Half Term
25th February – Community Iftar
4-7th March – High School Musical School Production

For further information please see our website:

<https://bentonpark.org.uk/our-school/calendar/>

Successes and photos:



Congratulations to Grace P in Year 7 who performed on Songs of Praise over Christmas. Grace has also recorded a CD with the Black Dyke Band. Grace has the most amazing voice and we are very proud of her achievements.

Rewards

We have had plenty of rewards happening both in the last week of term and in the first week back.



We had an amazing rewards assembly in which many students picked up the awards for subjects for both excellence and progress.

Successes and photos:

We also had a silent disco event for students with zero negative comments in the first term.
Well done!

We have more rewards this week for students so look out for photos on the next bulletin.



Opportunities:



Our next school production is HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL. We are really excited about this one – we have a huge cast and crew that have been working hard on preparing for the show in March. Tickets can be booked via our opening system, when the site goes live this weekend, head to www.bentonpark.org.uk/events to book yours. Shows will run from WED 4th March through to 2 shows on SAT 7th March. This year, we have added a matinee performance on Saturday 7th March at 1:30pm and we are continuing with our celebration performance that we started running last year – this begins at 5:30pm with food included in the cost of the tickets and the performance will start at 6:30pm for this special performance.

BENTON PARK SCHOOL PRESENTS

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

WED 4TH - SAT 7TH MAR

WED-FRI AT 7PM | ADULT £8 | STUDENT £5
SAT MAT AT 1:30PM

SAT SPECIAL INC. FOOD | ADULT £11.50 | STUDENT £8.50
6:30PM SHOW START

BOOK ONLINE AT: WWW.BENTONPARK.ORG.UK/EVENTS

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COMMUNITY IFTAR

25th February 2026



We would like to invite all staff, students and families to join us as a school community to break fast during the month of Ramadan on 25th February 2026. The event will start at 4.30pm where we will share a meal at sunset (approximately 5pm).

This event is a chance to come together as a school community and also raise money for our school charity Leeds Children Heart Surgery Fund. If you would like to attend, please let us know how many adults and children will be attending via this form:



If you are able to donate any items to our Community Iftar please let us know: secretaryshared@bentonpark.mlt.co.uk



As part of this event some of our staff are also taking part in a solidarity fast - a charity event where we will fast on the 25th February before breaking fast together at the Community Iftar.

You can donate to support the fast and our school charity via the school Justgiving page Benton Park Fundraising for Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Fund.

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Key Messages:

Drop off and pick up - Student safety is our priority. Please do not use the school entrance as a drop off point and adhere to road markings. Our Safer Schools Officer and other Police Officers will be monitoring this.

Girls cricket club - will be starting Monday 2nd February in the sports hall. Any students interested to register, please sign up through the PE Department.

Leeds SENDIASS – please see termly newsletter attached to the email, about upcoming sessions January – April.



Community

Leeds Winter Coat Appeal

Last chance to donate – deadline 30th January

Please donate any unwanted coats, fleeces, waterproofs (in adult, children & baby sizes), baby cot sleeping bags, snow suits for babies & children, pram footmuffs, hats, scarves and paired gloves.

Benton Park School is acting as a donation hub for the 2025 appeal! All we ask is that items are clean, of good quality and have a functioning zip. The last day for donations will be 30 January 2026. Our donation point is located in our main school reception!

All donations will be distributed to Community Hubs across Leeds early next month until the end of February 2026, more details of where you can get a FREE coat to follow. Help us to help families keep warm this winter.
#leedswintercoatappeal #wearandshareleeds



What to do when...



...your child is asking for their first phone

Use **UKSIC**'s advice page for things to consider:
www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones

...you're worried about who your child is talking to whilst gaming

Read our article to learn more about safer in-game chat:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/

...your child wants to join social media

Use our article for what to consider:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/

Know more about how each social media platform works with **Internet Matters** guides:
www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/

...you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online

Read our article for advice and guidance:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/

...you're worried your child might share a nude image, or already has

Watch our short films for advice:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/nude-selfies-a-parents-guide/

Remember, under 18s can report nude images shared online to **Report Remove** for help to take it down:
www.childline.org.uk/remove

...you want to protect your child from online blackmail

Read our guidance for parents and carers on financially motivated sexual extortion:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/FMSE/

Share our online blackmail article for 11-18s with your young person:
www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-blackmail/

Want to help better protect your child online?

Visit the CEOP Education website for:

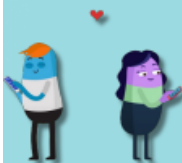
Conversation starters

Advice

Activities

Videos

Where to get help



to help protect 4 to 18 year olds from online sexual abuse



Scan the QR code or visit:

www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents