



Summer 2026

BENTON PARK SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

As we come to the end of another academic year, I am delighted to share with you our Summer Newsletter and celebrate what has been a fantastic year for Benton Park School.

This edition captures just some of the many achievements, opportunities and experiences that have made this year so special. From the incredible performances in High School Musical, the success of Live in LS19, Enterprise Day and Sports Day, to the wide range of educational visits and overseas trips, our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, ambition and pride. We have also seen students represent the school and their communities in sport, raise money for charitable causes, develop their leadership skills and achieve success both inside and beyond the classroom.



Throughout the year, our students have continued to demonstrate the values that define our school. Whether through acts of kindness, resilience in the face of challenge or striving for excellence in their learning, they have shown exactly what it means to belong to the Benton Park community. I am continually impressed by their character, determination and willingness to contribute positively to school life.

This year has also seen Benton Park continue to move forward. We have strengthened our curriculum, expanded opportunities for enrichment, invested in student support and wellbeing, and continued to raise expectations so that every young person has the very best chance of success. Our ambition remains simple: to create the very best student experience possible and ensure that every child feels they belong, develops character and achieves excellence.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our exceptional staff, the support of our parents and carers, and the commitment of our governors and wider community. Thank you for the part you have played in helping our students thrive.

As we look ahead to 2026/27, there is much to be excited about. The introduction of our new school day marks the beginning of the next stage of our journey, alongside further developments to teaching, learning, personal development and enrichment. We remain ambitious for every student and committed to ensuring Benton Park School continues to be a place where young people flourish academically, socially and personally.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights featured in this newsletter. Together, they demonstrate what can be achieved when a community works with a shared sense of purpose and high expectations.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Nicholas Skilton
Headteacher

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Students took part in celebratory Rewards Assemblies, recognising hard work, progress and excellence.



Students had an amazing time at the Bongo Bingo reward event!



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In Mental Health Week, our wellbeing ambassadors presented in morning meetings, ran wellbeing drop ins and visited our local community for 'random acts of kindness'.



During Pride month, Leighton presented Pride assemblies across school, displaying all of our school values.



Three of our amazing students helped to present to schools and leaders across Leeds at the Tackling Misogyny event at Leeds Civic Hall!

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

We held our annual RED Day, celebrating Respect, Equality and Diversity, learning about our community and wider world!



YEAR 7



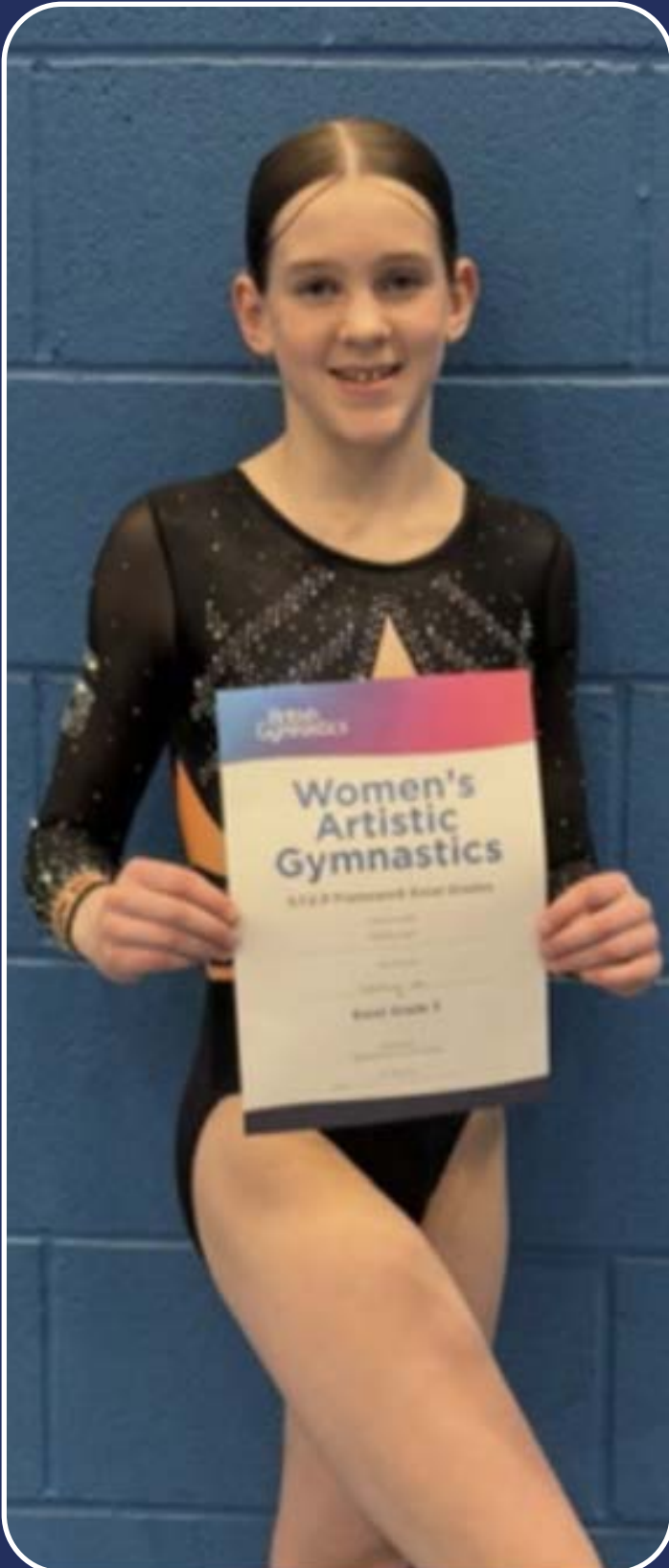
Nikola S competed at the British Ice Dance Skating Championships.

Erin M selected for U12 Leeds School Netball Squad.



Students got busy developing their food prep skills.

YEAR 7



Tilly qualified and secured a place at the British Gymnastics Championships 2027 and 2028.

Our Year 7 rugby league team enjoyed an outstanding journey to the Rhinos 9s final at Headingley Stadium, a fantastic achievement!



YEAR 8



Our brilliant Mathematicians qualified for the superbly named Maths Kangaroo.

William impressed judges at Leeds Literature Festival Children's Writing competition, receiving an award and vouchers from the Lord Mayor of Leeds.



Year 8 students celebrating their achievements.

YEAR 8

Year 8 Residential at Castle Howard - Students enjoyed spending time with friends, exploring the outdoors and making lasting memories.



Jack H represented Leeds United at the 3 Lions Legacy Tournament.



YEAR 9



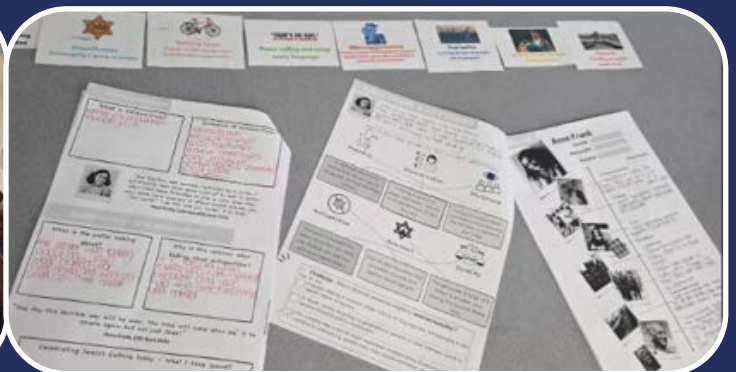
Students enjoyed a careers talk from Leeds Rhinos head of under 16s scholarship programme at Headingley Stadium, followed by watching the Leeds Rhinos vs Wakefield Trinity game.

The charity Just Like Us presented an online workshop, tackling homophobic bullying.



Elouise won gold and silver medals in her individual, duet and team performances at Swim England's Yorkshire Artistic Swimming competition.

YEAR 9



A fantastic group of students took part in our annual Anne Frank Trust Voices of Equality workshop.



Year 9 visited the Science and Media Museum where they explored the history and impact of film, television photography and digital media.

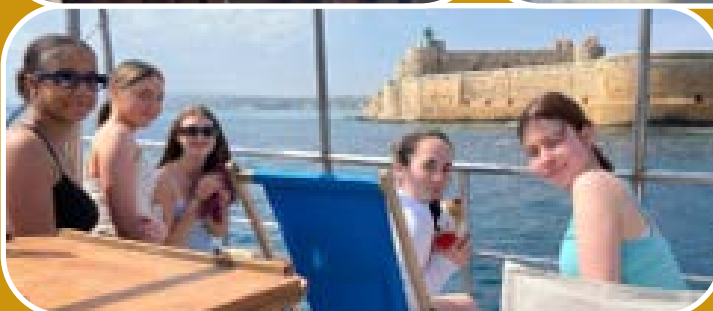
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An memorable trip to Barcelona for our PE and Sport students.

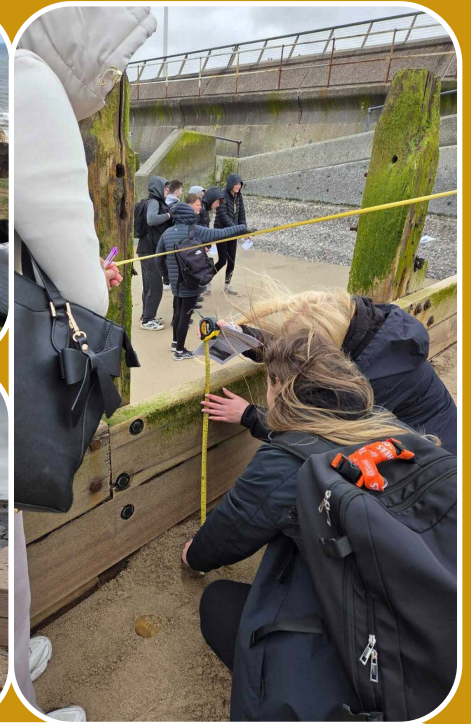


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An incredible experience in Sicily for our Geographers.



YEAR 10



Geographers completed their GCSE fieldwork at the Holderness Coast.



Some of our students were invited to spend 'a day in the life' of a university student at Leeds Trinity University.

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Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students built valuable skills and confidence in their practise and assessed expeditions.



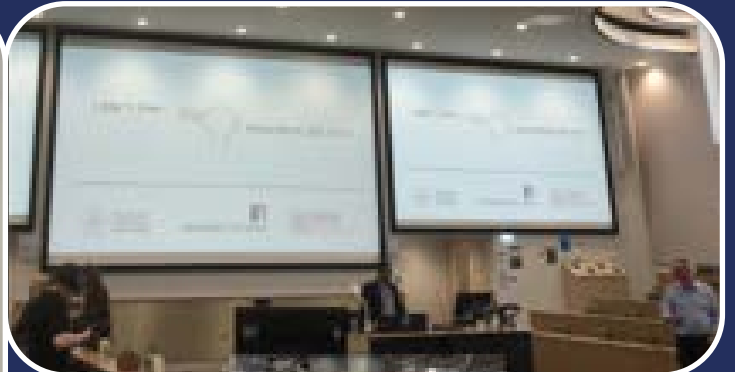
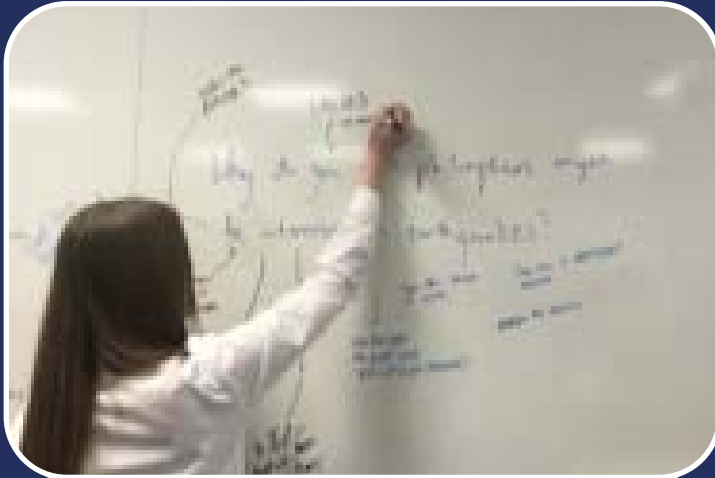
Our Year 10 Textile specialists visited Leeds Arts University to see the graduate exhibitions.

YEAR 11



A fantastic Sprint season! Great spirited competition between the Reds and Blue with the Reds taking the final glory!

YEAR 11



Religious Studies students enjoyed a successful trip to Leeds University.



Great practise for our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students.

YEAR 11



Students looked fabulous, danced and posed at the Prom, a fantastic night for all.

YEAR 11



A massive well done to Year 11, Class of 2026, who celebrated with an incredible Leavers Assembly.

SIXTH FORM



Y13 Prom - A great time had by all.

SIXTH FORM



Y12 Residential - Students supported each other brilliantly and built life long memories.

SIXTH FORM



Y12 students successfully completed the Catalyst Leaders Program.



We bade a fond farewell and celebrated our brilliant Year 13s, recognising achievements, reflecting on their journeys and sharing how proud we are of them.

LIVE IN LS19

An incredible afternoon of music, activities and entertainment - despite the weather!





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