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# Friends of BRGS

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for former students, parents and  
the community*

**Bacup & Rawtenstall  
Grammar School**

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## Visit by award-winning author **Sophie McKenzie**

*As part of the school's focus on building a real love of reading in our students, the English Department were pleased to announce the visit of award-winning author Sophie McKenzie on Tuesday 27th January.*

Sophie McKenzie is perhaps best known for the thriller *Blood Ties*, which won the Lancashire Book Award in 2009. This is particularly relevant to the students of BRGS as our Year 9 students played a key role in the selection process that year, reading reviews and presenting prizes at Lancashire County Hall. The school is lucky to have again been selected this year to take part in this prestigious award and our Year 9 students are keen to get started on the judging.

Sophie McKenzie's popular titles also include *The Medusa Project*, a series launched in July 2009, following the thrilling, fast-paced story of four teenagers impregnated with the Medusa gene, manifesting itself in various extraordinary abilities.

Sophie spoke to Year 7 and Year 8 students about her writing process, her inspirations and also read some key extracts from her books. Students then had the opportunity to ask questions and purchase some signed copies of their favourite Sophie McKenzie books, for themselves or for special presents for others.

Students had a fantastic morning and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from such an established and talented writer.



## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to our latest edition of 'Friends of BRGS', bringing to you news of a busy term here at BRGS.

In January, we welcomed our new headmaster, Mr Alan Porteous. As only the sixth headmaster during the school's history, we wish him well in his new post, as he takes us forward towards the school's Centenary Celebrations in 2013-2014, starting with the re-union weekend on 5th/6th October 2013. We shall have more details about this event a little nearer the time, but please do make a note in your diaries now of the date!

We very much hope you enjoy sharing all the news of what has been happening, and as ever, it is difficult to get everything into this newsletter, so please do also take a look at the school website to discover and learn more about activities and news here at school.

We try our best to keep address details up-to-date and try not to send duplicate copies, but if there are any inaccuracies in our circulation list then please do let us know. Equally, if you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, then please do get in touch with your email address, so that we can amend our records accordingly.

Happy reading, and we hope you enjoy the warmer weather and all the forthcoming bank holidays!

*Angela*

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Don't forget, we can also now be found on Facebook!

## An introduction from Alan Porteous, Headmaster

*I am delighted to be able to write to you for the first time in this edition of 'Friends of BRGS' since I took up my post as headmaster of BRGS at the start of this term. As only the sixth headmaster during the first hundred years of the school's history, I am very conscious of both the privilege and responsibility of the post!*

Firstly, I would like to publicly express my thanks for the welcome that I have received from the students, staff, governors and parents. I have spent a significant amount of time during this first term talking to staff and students about their perceptions of the school and beginning to formulate my views about possible priorities for its further development.

You will see on page 6 in this edition that we have had a visit from OFSTED in the first few weeks of the term. The inspection has confirmed the many strengths of BRGS and has also given us some clear areas where we can improve further.

I am really looking forward to working with the staff, students, governors and parents to maintain BRGS as one of the top schools in Lancashire and the country as we prepare to enter our second century as Rossendale's Grammar School. I look forward to meeting some of you at the Alumni event in London next month, and at other events in the years to come.

## Year 7 Big Sing

On the afternoon of Monday 12th December, Year 7 students participated in the Big Sing inter-form competition. Hosted by Tony Edwards (D&T teacher), the students sang Christmas carols and each form performed a specially rehearsed piece for the competition. An afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all!



# A sad farewell to Dr Andrew Edwards and Mrs Heather Edwards

Trevor Elkington (Director of Sixth Form) paid tribute to the enormous contribution made to BRGS by Andrew and Heather Edwards as we said farewell to them at the end of term just before Christmas, wishing them a well-deserved retirement from school life.

Heather's association with BRGS stretches back to 1963 when she arrived at the school, in her own words as a 'terrified and miserable year 7 pupil and left as an accomplished Fred Wilder potholer'. She then went off to university, and returned to BRGS as a Geography teacher. Her two passions were pupils and fieldwork, and put the two together in the Yorkshire Dales and she was in her element: never happier than when standing in walking boots in a roaring gale explaining the exciting impact of glaciation!

More recently, Heather served BRGS in a variety of ways, including up-dating the display work around school, helping out with fieldwork trips, and in so many other ways.

Andrew has been with BRGS since 1993 joining us as Deputy Head responsible for examination work, data analysis and a whole host of other areas. Andrew would tackle every problem with a calm, optimistic sense of humour, and was so admired by staff and students alike. At the heart of Andrew's involvement with BRGS was a love of teaching students and an enjoyment of sharing his knowledge with them, both in the classroom and out in the field. His knowledge and flair for fieldtrips was second to none!

We cannot thank Andrew and Heather enough for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to all the pupils and staff of BRGS over the years, and they will be missed enormously by all. We wish them every happiness for a long and restful retirement.



## Alumni Events

As we go to press, the London Reception for former students living and/or working in the south-east and London was held on Tuesday 13th March at The Bankside Gallery, and there will be a full report with photographs in the next edition of 'Friends of BRGS'.

We are also hoping to hold a reception at the end of April at Newcastle University for former students who are currently studying in the north-east, or who now live in this area. If you are interested in attending this event, please do get in touch. More details will be available on the school website soon.

## EPQ Project Presentations

**EPQ is a challenging new qualification which allows students to develop research skills by carrying out an independent project on a topic of their choice.**

On the afternoon of Wednesday 1st February, 20 Year 13 students made presentations as an integral part of their Extended Project, to share their conclusions and demonstrate their communication skills. The afternoon commenced with an exhibition session where students displayed posters and held discussions with staff and invited guests, including several governors and former teaching staff. Students were able to share their projects animatedly with the guests, creating an active and purposeful ambience. Later on each student gave a short oral presentation which outlined the key issues in their projects and the conclusions they had drawn, before answering a range of questions from the audience.



The range of topics was extremely diverse and included issues such as mental health in sport, the effect of world war one on literature and the impact of mobile phones in today's society. The very high standard of the presentations was evident in the students' ability to respond effectively to challenging and thought provoking questions on a range of issues surrounding their projects.

Feedback from those attending was extremely complimentary to the students and recognised their enjoyment of the afternoon. Comments from students reflected a well-deserved sense of achievement at the end of the event.



## Chemistry Department News

***The BRGS Chemistry Department goes from strength to strength as it enjoys more success at a national level.***

In November, Year 13 student Rima Khanom was one of only 14 students who scored full marks in the annual competition set by the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Lower Sixth Chemistry Olympiad. Congratulations to Rima who received a prize cheque and two books. The Chemistry Department were also presented with a book entitled *Molecules of Murder*, currently being read by Miss Heather Bowden, Head of Chemistry.

During this term, 12 students will be competing in the Year 13 RSC International Chemistry Olympiad, competing for a place on the UK team to represent their country at the international final to be held in Washington DC, USA in July. We wish them well in this competition.

Also, our congratulations to Miss Heather Bowden, who has been made an Associate Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (AMRSC) in recognition of the success of BRGS A level Chemistry students and the increasing numbers who study Chemistry at university.

## National Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday 19th January, Year 9 students heard testimony from Holocaust survivor, Rudi Oppenheimer as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

This year's theme for Holocaust Memorial Day, (which was on Friday 27th January) is 'Speak Up, Speak Out', encouraging people to actively oppose racism and prejudice today. Rudi's testimony was followed by a question and answer session, which enabled the students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth.

As part of BRGS's continued commitment to Holocaust education, Year 9 students have also taken part in Houston Museum's Butterfly Project. To commemorate the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust, the Butterfly Project is putting together an exhibition of 1.5 million butterflies, which our students are contributing to. Students, with the help of Mr Russell Clarke (Assistant Head), have created a butterfly which contains the signatures of all of the staff and students. Rudi Oppenheimer kindly added his name to our butterfly which will be displayed in school as a permanent memorial. Author Sophie McKenzie also signed the butterfly when she visited BRGS.



RUDI OPPENHEIMER SIGNING  
THE MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY

AUTHOR SOPHIE  
MCKENZIE SIGNING THE  
MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY

## LionHeart Challenge

*Year 10 students once again took part in the LionHeart Challenge on the first day back in January after the Christmas holidays.*



The challenge commenced with the announcement of a cutting edge, highly technical economic theme of national importance and each team of 10 students worked together to produce a comprehensive business proposal comprising full HR, product, financial and marketing solutions. Their work was then presented to their peers and the judging panel.

This year, students were asked to design a fire prevention product which would help to save lives in the future. Year 10 were soon involved in the activity and came up with some novel and truly innovative ideas, ranging from automatic fire 'killers' to super-flame-retardant materials for the construction and manufacture of buildings and their contents.

The LionHeart advisors were impressed with the degree of involvement and commitment from all the 15 teams and it was not an easy task for the team of judges to decide on a winner. However, taking all the skills and stages of the day into account, it was decided that Team 6 should be the students to go forward to the Regional round of the competition:

Oliver Burnham, Sam Chicken, Ben Jackson, Rebecca Kerley, Ciara Holt, Hadia Siddiqui, Gabrielle Royle, Lewis Astin, Tyler Crane and Mehran Mirza.

In addition, Ronan Pilkington was given a special award for an outstanding contribution by an individual member of the year group and will accompany the above team to the next round.

Congratulations to all of Year 10 for a most successful day and well done to the winners. Good luck in the next round and thank you from everyone in school and to Governors Mrs Heather Skilling and Mr David King who came along to help judge the proceedings.

## Ofsted visit BRGS

BRGS received a visit from Ofsted in the third week of term, at the end of January and Alan Porteous, Headmaster, was very pleased to report that the school received outstanding grades for 'Achievement' and 'Behaviour & Safety' and the Sixth Form. Overall, BRGS was judged to be ***"a good school in which students attain high academic standards and develop excellent personal skills and attributes"***.

The inspectors were extremely impressed by the very positive behaviour of the students around the school, both inside and outside lessons, and commented very favourably about the attitudes of students to learning. They also commented that ***"the ethos of the school is palpable and its traditions proudly observed"***. The full report can be found on our website.

## Microbiologist lecturer visits BRGS

Students had a rare opportunity to attend a lecture by a microbiologist in December. Professor Greenfield, from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand has been working at the cutting edge of research into microbes existing in Antarctica for many years. He was able to show the students a vast array of superb slides and document some of his team's findings in an interesting and exciting way.



The lecture looked at the amazing adaptations of microbes such as bacteria. Students were told about bacteria that had eaten through the metal structure of aeroplanes and boats and even those that fed on explosive TNT! They got an insight into some of the wildlife that Professor Greenfield had seen including, in his words, 'some rather silly penguins'.

The lecture concluded with the possibility of finding microbes on Mars and left a lot of food for thought for the future. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and, no doubt, will look back fondly on this lecture in years to come.

## Drama - London Theatre Trip

In December 2011, sixth-form Drama students finished the winter term by basking in the resplendent Christmas lights of an aptly festive and frosty London town. The odyssey to London was all part of Drama's annual theatre trip where pupils are required to soak up West End theatre as part of their curriculum requirements. On the theatrical menu this year was *Death of a Maiden* starring Thandie Newton (film actress from *Mission Impossible II*, *Beloved* and *Crash*) and *War Horse*, the stage version of Michael Morpurgo's hugely successful novel.

These plays were both bewitching and heart wrenching and sagaciously selected by our trip organiser Mr Neve, Head of Drama, to enable pupils to either write analytically about what they have seen or to adopt an observed style when creating their own piece of devised theatre. In addition, students were also allowed to pick a show of their own choice and this year they plumped for *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*: the musical.

Students also got the opportunity to visit an Art gallery and engage in the Christmas festivities of London's Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. All pupils said this trip was the highlight of their academic year so far. Amber Newbigging-Lister, of Year 13, commented: **"This trip was truly amazing. I am doing 'Creative Adaptation' this year and all shows have proven extremely useful in stimulating my imagination and helping me to create in this style. I only wish I could go again next year"**.

## Senior Speech Night

Guest speaker at our Senior Speech Night in December was **Professor John Whittaker** (former student). It was a wonderful evening, welcoming back former students to congratulate them on their exam successes in the summer, and to give them the opportunity to share memories of their time at BRGS.

Greg Hull in Year 12 remarked: **"This was the best thing ever. I really want to be an actor and this was my first trip to the West End. Mr Neve talked frankly about what it's like playing before a massive audience and I am determined I will one day do exactly that!"**

Indeed a truly great yet highly educational experience was had by all and as the final curtain fell on this trip the students lamented returning to their own earthly realities. Fortunately, Christmas and all its drama was just around the corner.

## 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

Martin Neve, Head of Drama, produced and directed the show with three musical directors, Steven Mercer (Head of Music), Andrea Price and Joanne Matthews (teachers of music). Head of Dance, Kristy Todd, furnished the show with some additional physical flair and thanks must go to Susan Kennedy who had the unenviable task of doing every other job under-the-sun!



*The show was a wonderful evening of entertainment and the cast were fantastic and the show was an extraordinary experience for the audience!*







## Review of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' by Ruth Shepherd

A colourful array of joyous celebration. I think that captures the mood and visual effects of the production.

The entrance by Isaac Cox was quite startling and set the tone (stage?) for the evening. (I was quite disappointed not to see more of Isaac and his musical talents). However, he was ably replaced by Ross Entwistle as a younger Joseph. The Narrators (or should I say angels?) really stood out with their amazing voices and clear diction. It was a mammoth task that they took on being in virtually every scene, but their voices remained strong until the end. Joseph's brothers – the wolves in sheep's clothing – proved that shepherds can also render a mean tune. Potiphar and his wife gave us a great comedy routine, whilst Pharaoh took us back to the '50s with a well-executed Elvis impression with his Song of the King. The four pretty dancers were well rehearsed and gave two strictly polished performances.

The obvious enjoyment had by everyone taking part was particularly shown by the Chorus who embraced each song with great enthusiasm and showed a high standard of singing.

The sound, lighting and music was up to its usual excellent standard and Mr Martin Neve quite rightly dedicated this production to Mrs Susan Kennedy as the costumes, handmade by her, were outstanding, especially the spectacular dreamcoats.

Mr Neve set out to bring some fun and light relief to our lives and he did just that and should be applauded for it.'

## ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP

**BRGS was one of a lucky few chosen schools who were offered free environmental workshops by the Groundworks organisation. Thirty Year 7 students attended the workshops, which took place over two sessions.**

The workshops enabled the students to consider how their lifestyles had an effect on the environment, and covered a wide range of topics from global warming to recycling and energy sources. There was a two week break between the sessions which gave the students thinking time, and also a chance to discuss any changes they had made in their lifestyle to become more environmentally friendly. At the end of the final session students worked together to come up with ideas to help reduce pollution, which were incredibly inventive.

The session was sponsored by AGC, who are a company which make smart plastics - including the plastics inside solar cells, the roofs of football stadiums and the windows of shopping centres. They kindly brought in a solar cell to explain how they worked and to show the students the section they had made of it.

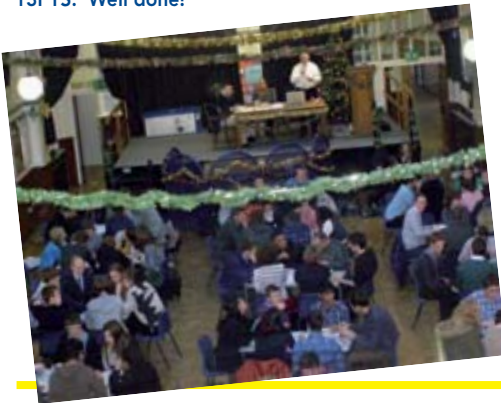


## Valentine's Day Roses

The Charities' Committee sold and delivered roses for Valentine's Day on the Friday before the spring half-term to raise money for the charity Pachawawas, an orphanage and school in Peru. Priya Loomba and Ella Smyth, former students, now work for this charity and have given presentations to Sixth Form students about their work.

## The Sixth Form Christmas Quiz

The annual Sixth Form Christmas Quiz took place in the main school hall on Tuesday 13th December. Hosted by Kevin Grehan, students answered questions from a range of general knowledge subjects, with the winning team being announced as 13PTS. Well done!



## MUSIC Examination Success

Congratulations to all our budding musicians in their recent exam success in January, playing such a variety of instruments as piano, clarinet, cornet, saxophone and bassoon.

## Design and Technology news

Jacob Lineker, Year 11 student, has entered himself into the Arkwright Scholarship.

This is a programme organised and funded by the Arkwright Foundation and supports selected GCSE Design and Technology students who are aspiring to study Engineering at university. Successful candidates receive substantial funding to assist them through their A levels and they are invited to attend Engineering training events at specialist universities during the two years of A level.

Well done to Jacob for taking the initiative to apply and we wish him every success in the application process!

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE PALACE

*Former students Chantelle Porter and Catriona Watson are the latest to receive their Gold Award certificates from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh recently at a special Award Ceremony held at St. James's Palace.*

Earlier last year it was the turn of Alison Stonebanks, Vikki Rishton and Katie Bickford.

All the girls completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the Award together and will no doubt have great memories and lifelong friendships to cherish as a result.

If any other participants have a photograph of their Palace visit that they would like to share, please forward it to [tmg@brgs.org.uk](mailto:tmg@brgs.org.uk)



**For further information on the D of E, check out the school website at [www.brgs.org.uk](http://www.brgs.org.uk)**

TM Gray  
Award Coordinator



## Sports Reports

### Valencia trip February 2012

The Year 10 and 11 football teams enjoyed a 5 day trip to Valencia during February half term where they were trained by Valencia CF coaches, played against some local Spanish opposition and went to see Valencia V Sporting Gijon.



Valencia won their game 4-0 but our teams found it hard against some good Spanish opposition on hard pitches. The Year 11 team lost 2-0 and the Year 10 team lost 5-2.

The weather was great and the coaching first class, and with excellent behaviour from the BRGS students, a fantastic time was had by all.



YEAR 11 TEAM



YEAR 10 TEAM



## Athletics

The Year 7 indoor athletics teams for both boys and girls beat all the Rossendale schools back in January to go through to the County Finals in Blackpool. In over 2 hours of events in Blackpool on 7th February the girls finished 3rd in Lancashire and the boys 4th.

*Athletes involved were....*

*Sarah Longshaw, Corrina Howarth, Robin Westerman, Polly Cheadle, Ella Mills, and Sarah Goldswain, Jonathan Thorp, Josh Nelson, Mark Wilkinson, Marth Rutherford Shaw, Harry Fallon, Faren Carter, Keir McDonald, and Elliot Snape. Well done to all of them.*



# Sports Reports

## Orienteering news

The British Schools' Orienteering Championships took place at Beecraigs Country Park near Linlithgow in Scotland, during the Autumn term. Over 1000 pupils made the journey from all over the UK to enjoy a weekend packed full of fun and orienteering. The weather held for most of the weekend and everybody was in great spirits due mainly to the scary ghost tour that everyone enjoyed on the Saturday evening in Edinburgh. The best individual performances came from Jamie Hoyle (Y9 Boys) who finished in 7th place, Charlotte Jackson (Y13 Girls) who finished 8th and Hannah Goldswain (Y9 Girls) who finished 10th on what was her first British Championships. The best team performance was the Year 9 Boys Team (Jamie Hoyle, Lewis Robinson and George Tanner) who just missed a podium position finishing in fourth place. A great team spirit was shown by the Y7 Boys' team who all gathered at the finish to cheer each other in. Although not winning any medals this year, they have the potential to go on to become a winning combination.



Charlotte



Jamie and Lewis



Y7 Boys' team

The team were ably looked after by Mrs Sellens, and parents Mrs Hoyle and Mr Robinson. All our student orienteers ran for the local club, Pendle Forest Orienteers.

The NW round of the CompassSport Trophy took place on Askham Fell near Pooley Bridge in Cumbria. Over 400 competitors from the major NW clubs competed for a place in the Final. In the Small Clubs' category, Pendle Forest Orienteers were competing against Borderliners, SELOC and SOLWAY. BRGS juniors played a big part in this prestigious orienteering event and were instrumental in the final, very close result.

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The best individual performances came from George Tanner and Corinna Howarth who won their respective classes, scoring 100 points each. Also adding to the overall score were Charlotte Jackson, Lydia Lambert and Max Sutcliffe, all on 96 points. The final scores were as follows:

**PFO (including BRGS Juniors) 1265, Borderliners 1261, SELOC 1204, SOLWAY 744**

The team will now go through to the final in September to compete against the winners of all the other regions. **Well done to all the BRGS Orienteering Team!**

## Who? What? Where? When?

It is a shame that no-one was able to shed any light on this photo. If you do recognise anyone, then please do let us know.



*Perhaps we will have more luck with this photo from the school's archive.*

*If you recognise anyone, then please do get in touch.*

**1979-1980  
Hockey Team**



# Obituaries

## We are saddened to learn of the following:

**Margaret Hindle (née Adlum)**, former pupil from 1942-1947, sadly died aged 80 years old, last October. Margaret started her career at the District Bank at Rawtenstall and finished her career at the NatWest Bank in Bury.

**Margaret Rothwell (née Peters)** sadly died last December. Margaret left BRGS in 1972 and leaves a husband and four children.

We were sorry to hear of the tragic death of **Luke Bamford** (aged 26) who left BRGS in 2001.

**Guy Holt** sadly died last November. Guy was a student at BRGS from 1935-1939.

Staff and former students will be sorry to hear of the death of **Susan Caygill** on Christmas Day. Susan was a Laboratory Technician at school and will be sadly missed.

## Message Board

- Best wishes and congratulations to John and Marion Harrison (former students) who will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this month.
- Our congratulations to Danielle Mannion on achieving a Master's with Distinction in History from the University of Manchester. Danielle is currently working at the University as an intern in the Undergraduate recruitment and widening participation office.
- Congratulations to Victoria Smith (1986-1993) on her recent marriage to Adam Barker and also on gaining a permanent Consultant Dermatologist post at Salisbury District Hospital.
- Congratulations to Catherine Taylor (1996-2001) who was presented with a PhD in Psychology from the University of Sheffield last December.
- We also send our love and best wishes to the following staff:
  - Natasha Richardson (cover teacher) and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Stanley, on 28th December.
  - Sara Hartley (Chemistry teacher) and her husband, on the birth of their second child, a baby boy George, also in December.
  - Joanne Matthews (Music teacher) and her husband on the birth of their second child, a baby girl, Emily Sarah, on 15th December.
  - Collette Walsh (Psychology teacher) and her husband on the birth of their first child, Layla Grace.
  - Paul Smith (Biology teacher) and his wife on their birth of their third child, a daughter Louisa.
  - Our best wishes go to Diane Bamford, Head of Art, as she enjoys time at home with baby Lleyton.
  - And whilst Diane is away, we welcome Lisa Johnson as teacher of Art.

As BRGS approaches its Centenary in the autumn of 2013 we hope to involve as many former students as possible so that alumni are aware of any celebratory events and are encouraged to get involved! To help us to keep in touch with you, we have a group of former students who have kindly agreed to be alumni year group representatives. The following people are your year group representatives.

We would ask that you continue to communicate via the Development office but your representative is an additional person for you to correspond with if you would like to raise anything specific to your year. As you can see from the list, we are still developing this contact list, so if your year group does not yet have a representative, and you would like to fill that gap, then please do get in touch with us.

\* To contact former students without email addresses, any correspondence can be forwarded by me at [aw@brgs.org.uk](mailto:aw@brgs.org.uk).

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Mr and Mrs Alan & Barbara Torevell	1954	<a href="mailto:atorevell@dewhurst-torevell.co.uk">atorevell@dewhurst-torevell.co.uk</a>
Dr Linda Cottier (née Hutchinson)	1957 & 1958	<a href="mailto:lmcottier@manx.net">lmcottier@manx.net</a>
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Miss Alexandra Davis	2010	*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th May PTA meeting  
 23rd May Year 13 leavers' Day  
 31st May Year 10 Music Concert  
 – all are welcome  
 20th June Art Exhibition  
 – all are welcome  
 26th June Year 6 Open Evening  
 28th June Year 13 Leavers' Ball  
 6th July Year 11 Leavers' Ball  
 10th July Summer Music Concert  
 – all are welcome  
 16th Aug A Level results day  
 23rd Aug GCSE results day

Please do check the school website for details of the above and other events that are happening at BRGS

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