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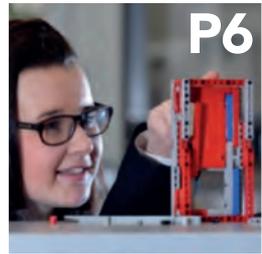
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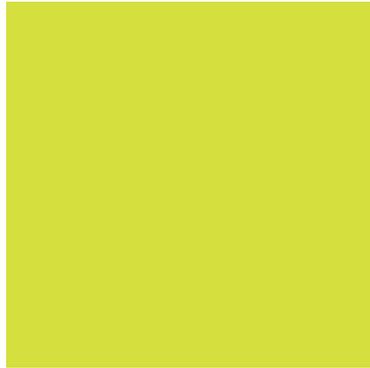
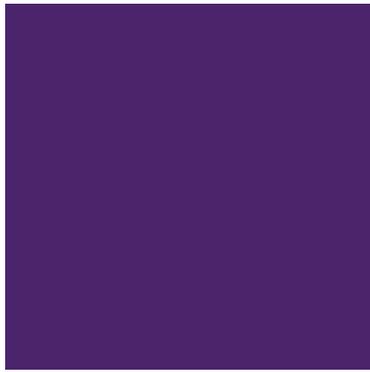
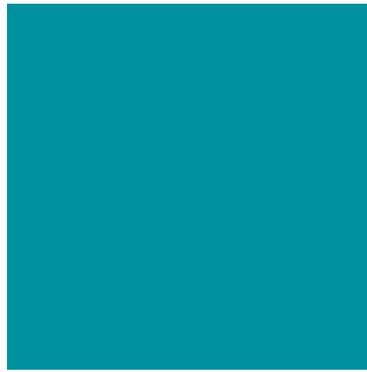
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Hello

This is the first year anniversary of 'VisiON' - the Tong High School magazine published three times a year, designed to help you stay up to date with all the news and views from the school.

Many stories in this edition demonstrate our PRIDE values and show how we are step by step working towards our core purpose to maximise the potential of every learner and provide them with the skills, qualifications, qualities and opportunities needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Our main story is about our sixth form students taking part in MicroTyco, this year our grand total was an impressive £5030.17. We were delighted to hear that we had won the National Schools Category of the MicroTyco Enterprise Challenge 2015. This year the team from Tong High School supported by Deloitte Leeds were all hoping to do even better and as part of this year's grand finale the school hosted a large charity auction dinner in associate with Deloitte, The Bradford Hotel and WildHearts. This event was sponsored by Talent International - you can read more about this event and see pictures from the evening on page 6/7.

We also had a winning streak at this year's Bradford Telegraph and Argus District School Awards. We were delighted to win the Business Award for a ground breaking course we deliver in partnership with InCommunities which promotes careers in housing to for local sixth form (post 16) students. We were also highly commended for the Achievement Award (MicroTyco) and Community Involvement Award (Knowles Park fence art project) – you can read more about this on page 4.

We continue to work closely with our community and primary school links - this edition celebrates the successes of over 250 primary school students who visited Tong for the Accelerate poetry and choir competition (page 8).



Thank you for your continued support.

I hope that you enjoy reading VisiON.

Stephen Curran, Head teacher

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Calendar

23rd April

Accelerate Choir Extravaganza

29th April

Accelerate Ballroom Dancing Final

30th April

Year 7 Parents Evening

6th May

Primary Presentation Evening

20th May

Transition Drop in Sessions

21st May

Year 8 Parents Evening

27-29th May

Accelerate Sports and Dance Camps

10th June

Accelerate Dance for All

11th June

Bradford Schools Cheer Competition



World Book Day

In March, school staff dressed up as their favourite characters to mark World Book Day. There were lots of great activities for students to be involved in throughout the day; book quizzes, lanyard puzzles, Where's Wally, bookmark making, book tokens, reading spaces and lots happening in our Love to Learn centre.



Christmas Card Competition Winner

Congratulations to Year 9 student Anesa Ali who was presented with her prize of an iPad from the Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) Exam Board for winning the OCR Christmas Card Competition.

Picture Caption - Ruth Carter, Sector Specialist from OCR came into school to personally thank Anesa.



Tong hosts the Anne Frank: A History for Today Exhibition

During January, Tong hosted the Anne Frank: A History for Today exhibition in the Love to Learn centre. Tong High School Year 8 students led tours of the exhibition for Year 5 and 6 local primary school students. The exhibition told the tragic tale of Anne Frank and consisted of 30 panels, each depicting a different aspect of her life.

Students from East Bierley Primary School visited the exhibition.



Housing – School Partnership Celebrates Top Award Success

Incommunities and Tong High School in Bradford have scooped a top business award for a ground breaking course which promotes careers in housing to for local sixth form (post 16) students.

The Junior GEM programme has been developed by the Centre for Partnership - part of Incommunities - and is an expansion of the group's Graduate Employment Mentoring programme launched in 2009 to help unemployed graduates into rewarding management careers.

Eight 'Junior GEMs' from Tong were recruited to the first one-year study programme involving classroom based learning and work shadowing. This first cohort of young students has now successfully achieved their Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Level 3 qualification.

In September 2014, five more Tong High students embarked onto the programme to take part in the second Junior GEM programme.

In March, representatives from Incommunities and Tong High School were presented with the Business in Schools prize at the Bradford Telegraph and Argus Schools Awards 2015.

Geraldine Howley, Incommunities Group Chief Executive, said: "Winning this award is a fantastic achievement and recognition of this successful venture with Tong High School developed by Incommunities and the Centre for Partnership with the strategic support of the CIH.

"Its success demonstrates the commitment of the pupils, tutors and staff from both Incommunities and Tong High School to work together to deliver this innovative programme.

"The real beauty of Junior GEM is that it offers an alternative career path to going to University and one which leads to professional chartered status."

Trevor Smith, Director of the Centre for Partnership, said: "GEM has a proven track record in creating a pipeline of talented young people who are keen to build careers in housing.

"This award recognition is a terrific endorsement of our extremely successful GEM programme. Junior GEM has developed to offer Bradford students a unique opportunity to attain an 'escalator' qualification and ultimately a 'debt free' business focused degree."

"Working with the CIH our ambition is to see many more talented local students turn into 'GEMs'."



Trude Feiweles, Associate Head teacher, Tong High School said; "At Tong High School we are committed to helping our young adults reach their full academic, career and personal potential – we want every student to be the best they can be! We are delighted to be partnering with local companies and organisations – working in partnership to raise aspirations, achievement and help students consider the best next steps for them.

"Everyone at the school is really excited by this award and I would like to thank our partners - The Centre for Partnership and Incommunities - who came to us with the idea for the Junior GEM course and have worked so hard to make it such a success.

"The Junior GEM programme provides an exciting career option for our students and we are looking forward to our partnership with Incommunities growing."



Award Winning School

Tong High School was shortlisted for three awards in this year's Telegraph & Argus Bradford and District Schools Awards, held at the Aagrah Midpoint.

Overall there were 12 winners on the evening, arranged in association with Bradford Council and the University of Bradford, which saw representatives from the district's primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and local businesses come together to celebrate educational achievements.

The evening was presented by Telegraph & Argus Editor Perry Austin-Clarke and former Calendar TV presenter Kate Walby. There were speeches from Councillor Ralph Berry, Portfolio Holder for Children & Young People's Services and David Cabeaux, an award-winning singer, business leader and motivational speaker.

BUSINESS IN SCHOOLS

WINNER: Tong High School (InCommunities Junior GEM project)
Highly commended: Local Leader magazine, James Slater and Megan Carson
Highly commended: Oasis Academy/Santander

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WINNER: Barry Holden, Southfield School, Bradford
Highly commended: Tong High School (MicroTyco 2014 in partnership with Deloitte)
Highly commended: Westminster C of E Primary

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WINNER: Sarah Lawson, Immanuel College
Highly commended: Rabina Sabir, St Joseph's School
Highly commended: Tong High and Carrwood Primary partnership (Knowles Park Fence Project)

Business Links

Tong High School Sixth Form Students to take part in the Morrisons 'Let's Work' Initiative

30 students from Tong High School Sixth Form are taking part in the Morrisons 'The Let's Work' initiative, created to promote employability skills amongst students in the local Bradford area.

The Bradford based supermarket giant piloted the 12-week course at Parkside School in Cullingworth last year, and now it is being spread out to four other secondary schools. Year 12 Tong business students have been selected to take part in the Morrisons 'Let's Work' programme between February and April and this will consist of 5 sessions delivered at Tong High School;

1. **Realising Your Strengths and Maximising Them**
2. **Getting to the Root of a Problem**
3. **Negotiation and Conflict Management**
4. **Personal Brand**
5. **Powerful Presentations**

The final session 'What a Career in Business Looks Like' will be delivered at Morrisons Head Office in Bradford at Hilmore House.

Students involved in the 'Let's Work' programme will get valuable insight into the running of the city's biggest employers.

A team of university graduates, based at the supermarket's Gain Lane headquarters, will voluntarily visit students, share their own experiences from the world of work and encourage them to think about their own careers.

Paul Dowd, head of employability and education at Morrisons, said: "The initial trial with 30 students was a huge success. The reception from Parkside and the positive feedback from the Council has encouraged us to officially launch 'Let's Work' and extend it across the region. We have a proud history of supporting local schools and this marks an exciting new chapter."

Our Head teacher Steve Curran said: "We are delighted that Morrisons have offered our students this great opportunity.

"At each session they will have the opportunity to learn about skills and qualities required to succeed in an ever-changing world. This experience will set them apart and will ensure they are ambitious, informed and successful in the choices that they make for their future.

Business Links Students' Next Steps Inspired by Local Employers

Businesses from across Bradford attended an employability event at Tong High School on 5th February to talk to Year 9 students about different sectors and career opportunities available. The career 'workshop' took place at Tong High School during tutorial.

Tanya Graham, the Conservative Candidate for Bradford South said: "This is an excellent example of the business community to work with our schools to improve links and provide career information. This helps to bring the working world closer to our pupils in high school, encouraging job opportunities and careers within Bradford."

This research project was an opportunity for students to find out more about career routes and education pathways in order to make informed choices about their next steps. Businesses involved were: Asda Stores, Bombay Stores, Provident Financial, Hayre & Co Solicitors, Freightlink Europe, Bradford Bulls, Trident and Kickstart.

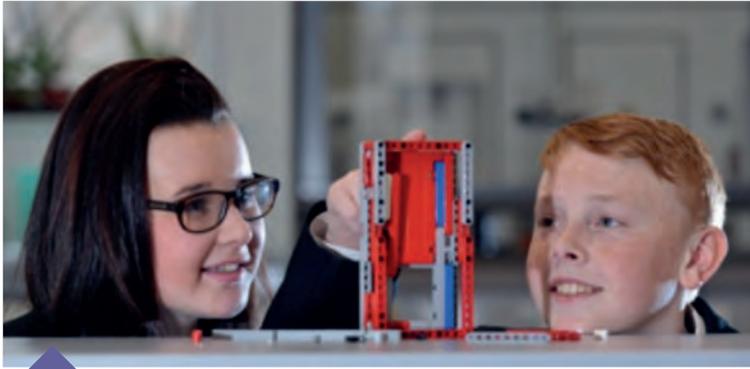
Bradford Students Invited to Mayfair for the Debrett's Social Mobility Event

Tong High School Sixth Form students Georgia Townson and Eleesha Taylor Barrett were invited to the Debrett's Social Mobility Programme event in Mayfair, London. The Debrett's Foundation is a not-for-profit division of Debrett's which supports and champions social mobility to ensure that the next generation of leaders are from all walks of life and backgrounds, and to help them become the people of tomorrow.

Sixth Form student, Eleesha Taylor Barrett says; "I found the session on making elevator pitches an excellent experience. The weekend really improved my confidence especially when meeting and speaking to new people."

The programme delivers training in areas such as interviews and networking to help provide the skills and confidence to network and gain work experience. Students also benefit from access to the powerful Debrett's Network, providing opportunities for work experience, internships and mentoring within the business areas they are considering for their future careers.





Students from Tong attended the CE:BE Lego Challenge at the Centre of Excellence for Business

On 5th February students from Tong High School tested their employability skills with a Lego challenge at the Centre of Excellence for Business.

Students worked in mixed teams with students from Carlton Bolling School, working in high tech labs and were given a number of tasks to complete. The tasks were very challenging with students having to use 3D images to construct engineering lego to eventually design a full size laboratory and cost it.

Students were judged throughout the day on teamwork, problem solving, the build and their workings out.

Some of the outstanding work from the day was from: Liam Shacklton, Gracie Cavan (pic), Reece Benson (pic), Morgan Archer, and Jordan Firth.

The Centre of Excellence for Business has been set up to bring together 14 to 19-year-olds, businesses and higher education to give young people the skills they need for certain industries.

“...students from Tong High School tested their employability skills with a Lego challenge...”



Micro Tyco Master Class

Students from Tong High School Sixth Form were invited to attend the Micro Tyco Master Class at Deloitte Manchester.

The 2015 Master Class programme kicked off in Manchester on January 7th with Matthew Ingle. Matthew is the Chief Executive of Howdens Joinery Co., the UK's leading supplier of kitchens and joinery to trade customers. Howdens services its 300,000 customers from 550 depots across the UK, reporting annual sales in 2013 of £950m and pre-tax profits of £140m.

Students joined company leaders and other MicroTyco champions to hear and learn from Matthew about how he creates an entrepreneurial culture that rewards hard work.





Tong High School Sixth Form Students and Staff Host Charity Auction Dinner in Bradford to Help Fund Micro-Businesses in the Developing World

Once again, throughout February Tong High School took part in the MicroTyco enterprise charity project. The teams have been given 'seed capital'; of a micro-loan of £1 and throughout the month they were challenged to turn their £1 into as much money as possible.

Last year (February 2014), a team from Tong High School won the national schools' category of the Micro-Tyco Enterprise Challenge mentored by staff from Deloitte Leeds and incredibly they also came third in the overall global competition having generated £3657.06 from a £1 investment from the WildHearts charity. This will now fund 73 micro-businesses in the developing world every year.

Micro Tyco is a month long charity fundraising competition run by the WildHearts Foundation in order to support developing countries by allowing them to start their own businesses. The scheme encourages team work and entrepreneurial spirit, with funds invested in micro-finance for micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries.

This year the team from Tong High School supported by Deloitte Leeds were all hoping to do even better in the 2015 Micro-Tyco Enterprise Challenge.

As part of this year's grand finale the school hosted a large charity auction dinner in association with Deloitte, The Bradford Hotel and WildHearts. This event was sponsored by Talent International.

The WildHearts Charity Auction Dinner was held on Friday 27th February 2015 at the Bradford Hotel. Guests were treated to a 3 course buffet meal, a welcome speech by Charlie Thornton from WildHearts and entertainment throughout the night from host Jo Jessop, singer Donna Moody and also a speech from boxer Qais Ashfaqs, Commonwealth Game Silver Medallist.

The Micro Tyco team from Tong also called on its network and contacts to donate prizes. There was a luxury raffle and also a very special auction with some incredible prizes – including items from Tong alumni Zayn Malik from One Direction and Melissa Steel.

The team has also been holding tombolas, selling samosas and running football tournaments. On Friday 13th February the school hosted a non-uniform day and a very special Valentines Fair.

Overall the grand total was £5030.17 - Tong High School were delighted to hear that they had won, for the second year running, the National Schools Category of the MicroTyco Enterprise Challenge 2015.

Top teams:

Schools Category

1st: The Official Tong High School 5,030.74 (Coached by Deloitte)

2nd: Grange Primary School, £4,317

3rd: Chelmsford County High School For Girls, £2,750

Overall Winners

1st: Shoosmiths Graduates £15,412.10

2nd: Aviva, £14,098.55

3rd: Standard Life UK, £13,055.39

"The poor stay poor not because they are lazy but because they have no access to capital."

Milton Friedman, 1976 Nobel - Prize in Economic Sciences.

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Primary Poetry Competition

Over 180 pupils from five primary schools went head-to-head in the finals of a poetry competition at Tong High School at the end of January.

Local primary school students from five primary schools (Ryecroft, Bowling Park, Birkenshaw, Lower Fields and Hill Top) went head to head in the Accelerate Performance Poetry Competition.

Since September 2014 each primary school has been working with author Conrad Burdekin to prepare for the competition as part of the Accelerate Arts Partnership Programme.

Each school put their best teams forward and the results were;

Year 1 & 2

1st - Birkenshaw
2nd - Ryecroft

Year 3 & 4

1st - Hill Top
2nd - Bowling Park

Year 5 & 6

1st - Lower Fields
2nd - Hill Top

Conrad Burdekin is the author of the Hungrumptious Blumpfh and other poems. He has also written a children's novel and many other stories which he shares with children, helping them to develop their own creative ideas. Conrad has worked closely with these schools offering a range of interactive workshops for children, covering many aspects of creative writing. He says; "My approach focuses on teaching children how to access their creative side in a fun, humorous way. This includes reading out some of my own work and sharing my experiences as a writer in order to inspire the children to participate fully in the workshops. I also do storytelling days, drama days, speaking and listening workshops, and seminars to teachers. I use auditory, kinaesthetic and visual techniques so that I can reach all children in the class. I believe that it is essential that children learn how to release the creativity that is within each one of them."

Choir from Carrwood Primary School Win Choral Competition and Will Perform at a Prestigious Concert at Leeds Town Hall

Carrwood Primary School won the Accelerate singing competition and choral extravaganza and have now been invited to perform at Leeds Town Hall on the 4th July at a prestigious charity concert with the Rothwell Temperance Band – a Championship Section brass band.

On 5th February, over 80 local primary school students from three primary schools (Birkenshaw, Carrwood and Ryecroft) went head to head in the Accelerate Choral Competition at Tong High School, Bradford. Students, staff, parents and siblings watched the choirs perform.

Miss Lloyd, Year 5 Teacher and Choir Leader from Carrwood said; "We are delighted that we have won the Accelerate Choral Competition and can't wait to perform at Leeds Town Hall. Students have worked extremely hard to prepare. We are proud of their hard work and it's a privilege to teach these wonderful children."

Leah Woodhead, aged 10 student from Carrwood said; "We worked hard and gave up our lunch time to practice. I really enjoyed singing together with my friends. I was very excited to sing in the competition and really happy that we won."