

Spring 2023

Bradgate Sixth Form



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Welcome to our Spring B6 Newsletter! This last term has certainly been a really busy time for students in Bradgate Sixth Form. This term saw our first ever expedition to Morocco and plans are now underway for our next B6 expedition!

Our Year 12 Elephant Group students have also attended their Spring Conference and have begun their 'My Super Curricular'. Students have now received information about the Elephant Access Summer Academy and are choosing which university residentials & day trips they would like to attend with Exeter, Newcastle and Cambridge universities being very popular!



All Year 12 students attended the UCAS Exhibition at Derby Arena which was fantastic and gave students lots to think about for their future pathways! Students will also attend the B6 Careers Fair after Easter where they will take part in a range of workshops and networking sessions which students will find invaluable!

During this term Year 12 students have also had lots of sessions delivered by external speakers such as the University of Warwick about their Warwick Scholars Programme, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service who delivered the Fatal Four presentation, Oddballs and the Boobettes.

Year 13 students have now all completed their UCAS applications, interviews, auditions and assessments for their university courses. We are also really pleased that students have secured places at conservatoires as well as two students who are holding conditional offers for the University of Cambridge.

For the third year running, many students have applied to Russell Group universities and for courses such as Chemical Engineering, Chemistry for Drug Discovery & Development, English Literature, Forensic Science, Games Programming, History, Law, Marine Biology, Maths, Medicine, Natural Sciences, Nursing, Physics with Astronomy, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Primary Education, Radiotherapy & Oncology, Sports & Exercise Science and Sound Engineering, to name just a few!

Year 13 students who are applying for apprenticeships and employment are currently having 1-1 appointments with an independent careers advisor. This is to support them with writing a professional CV and ensuring they are successful in their applications. This term also saw the start of the Apprenticeship Academy for identified Year 13 students. This is a new programme designed by The Careers People to help students understand, research, find and apply for an apprenticeship. This is a great addition to our careers programme and will further support our young people onto their next steps. I look forward to updating you on their successes in the coming weeks and sharing the achievements of all those at Bradgate Sixth Form.

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In February, 14 students from Bradgate Sixth Form went to Morocco on a Community Project Expedition! This was such an amazing opportunity and experience for our students which began with fundraising all the way through to the completion of the project. We are immensely proud of all those involved and we wanted to share their experiences with you.

"It sounds cliché but the Morocco trip was genuinely life changing. It's incredible how just eleven days has changed my mindset so vastly. I'm now so excited and hopeful for the future and just itching to travel more. From dancing and singing with locals in the middle of the mountains, to everyone in the group jumping into a freezing cold pool together after a full day of travelling. I will never



forget this trip, the experiences I gained, and the people I met. Even simpler moments like rooftop conversations under the stars or accidentally pouring concrete on one another will stick with me forever (like the concrete on the sleeve of my top). I couldn't have dreamed of how incredible the trip was and how much I adored it. Thank you to everyone who made it so wonderful". Grace



"Morocco was a completely different world, the difference in culture was really eye opening. The happiness of people was refreshing to see as the people have so little but make the most of what they do have. The friendships formed with the fellow students will forever remain through this shared endeavour". Connor & Kenzie

"The best part about Morocco was the last day on the project when we saw the water go down the irrigation system and it was quite uplifting. We then also went into the town to get some pizza and the locals there performed some traditional music for us in the evening". Erin



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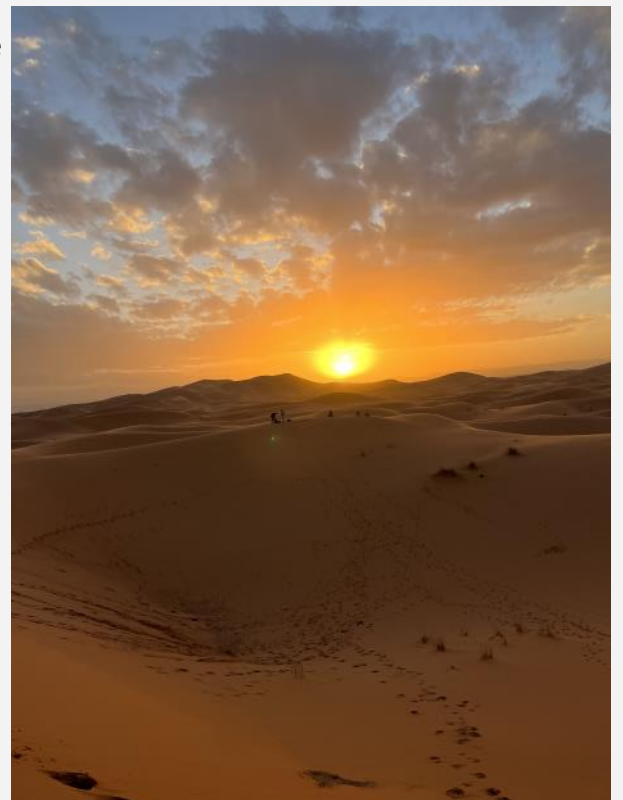


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"The Morocco expedition was up there with one of the best experiences of my life. From being presented with the opportunity a year prior, through fundraising, and then the real thing. I have learnt invaluable skills, not only in mixing concrete but people skills and organisation, hosting fundraising events, mingling with the local people and taking the lead on certain activities. Out there, I made a number of lifelong friends, including the in-country leader called Ibrahim who was great.

In Morocco, we experienced once in a lifetime moments, such as sleeping in the Sahara after riding camels, and observing some of the beautiful scenery in the Atlas mountains. Leaders were professional but knew how to have a good time. Overall I really enjoyed the experience and would strongly recommend anyone contemplating whether it's worth the money to go for it!"

Will



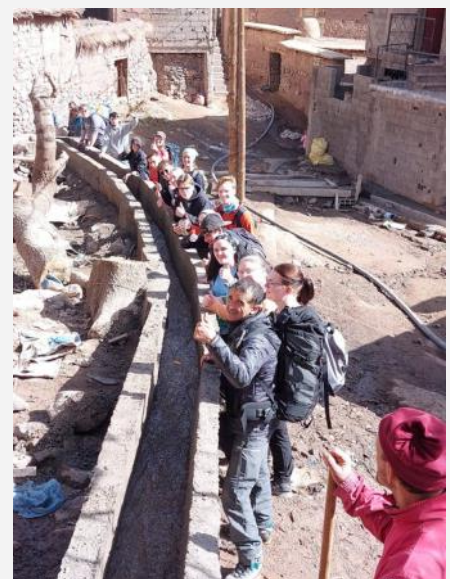
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"The trip to Morocco with Bradgate Sixth Form was one of the best experiences of my life. Morocco opened my eyes to all the things we do not experience in England. I think that my favourite thing about Morocco was experiencing the traditional ways of life that they have carried through their many generations and still hold up today. When our group was staying in Imlil we were sang to by locals in the village who sung such beautiful traditional pieces. Being able to share some of the music we sing in the UK was amazing. It truly was an event that I will never forget and carry for the rest of my life". Amelie



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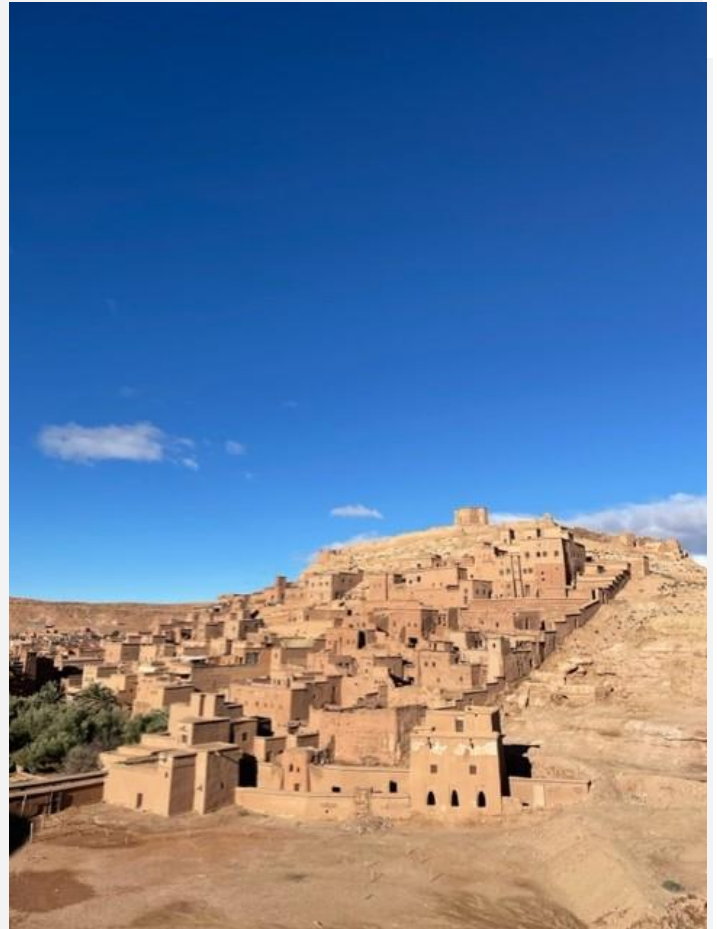
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"We feel very privileged to have been a part of this life-changing expedition. Morocco is a beautiful country, filled with welcoming locals, delicious food and breath-taking views. It was a pleasure to experience these things with such great company! It was great to experience the team bond over the course of the trip and we believe we have made friends for life. We are very grateful of the Venture Force and B6 team for making this unforgettable experience possible".

Jack & Josh



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"I had the pleasure of accompanying 14 B6 students on an Venture Force Community Project to the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. What can I say? It was a brilliant experience for all involved! Immersing ourselves into the traditional culture would have been enough but the friendships, team work, respect that developed and the awe inspiring landscapes we travelled through really drove the impact home of just how life changing an



adventure abroad can be. I think the pictures speak a thousand words. I would like to thank everyone involved especially Tom at Venture Force that made it all happen and, of course the B6 students who represented not just the Sixth Form but the UK to the highest standard". Mr Parkinson



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"My most memorable moment of the trip was our last night in Imlil in the mountains, where the community we had been staying with gave us a party to celebrate the work we had done to build the irrigation system, and to say goodbye. There was lots of traditional, Moroccan music and dancing! I felt so proud of the students as this showed us just how grateful the community were for the work they had done". Miss Batchelor

Venture Force would like to thank you all: parents, team members, Mr Parkinson & Miss Batchelor for making this expedition such a success. I can assure you that our team made quite an impression on the people that they met during our time in Morocco. From the guides that worked with us, to the project team, the school children, hostel staff and indeed everyone that they met them along the way. The team's enthusiasm, can do outlook, and friendly nature definitely endeared them to everyone they met.



I think, having spent 12 days with the team that they were one of the very best that have worked with us over the past 13 years and were a credit to you (parents), the school and indeed themselves. We wish them all the very best in their endeavours in the future."

Tom, Venture Force, Expedition Manager.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Syston Knitting Banxy for this creation! Students at Bradgate Sixth Form was so excited to see this on their return and to see themselves in a knitted form! Students felt very honoured and this now proudly displayed in Bradgate Sixth Form.



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Malaysia 2025



I am also excited to inform you that we are now planning our next expedition! This will be to Malaysia in June 2025 and will be a turtle conservation project. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain important skills, work on their personal development and to be part of an experience which will be truly life changing.

Current Year 11 students at TRA and WVA who will be joining us in September 2023 and Year 10 students at both schools who will



be joining us in September 2024, will have the opportunity to be involved with this. In the Autumn term presentations will be delivered by Venture Force to both students and parents. I know we have lots of students interested in this expedition already and I look forward to updating you on the planning and fundraising for this!



September 2023

It has been fantastic meeting our new cohort of B6 students for September 2023. It was a real pleasure interviewing students and finding out more about them. Students have been given offers during their interviews and information about what happens next. We wish Year 11 students all the very best in their GCSE exams and look forward to welcoming them to B6 on Wednesday 28th June for their Enrolment Day. If there are any questions at all about joining Bradgate Sixth Form in September 2023 then please email: admin@bradgatesixthform.com