



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome everyone to the end of term and the close of the academic year at Bellingham Middle School. First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, staff, governors, families and friends of BMS for all that you have been and have given over this past year during such unprecedented times. Even though most of us have been apart from one another for several months now, the way in which children, families and staff have pulled together has been incredible. What a team!

Now we have reached the time when we need to say farewell to one another. It is hard to put into words how much the last few years at Bellingham Middle have meant to me. With your support, our lovely school has flourished against all odds to become a wonderfully inclusive, caring school community, where local children of all abilities are known as individuals, each able to thrive emotionally, socially and academically. So many families have been in touch with such kind words, which I have found incredibly moving. The presentation of roses for my new garden in Dorset was so unexpected and beautiful, with even a red rose for Bellingham Middle. The fingerprint picture from the children and staff will hang proudly in my new office to remind me always of BMS pupils and colleagues, and the precious time we have shared together. Thank you everyone for these very special gifts.

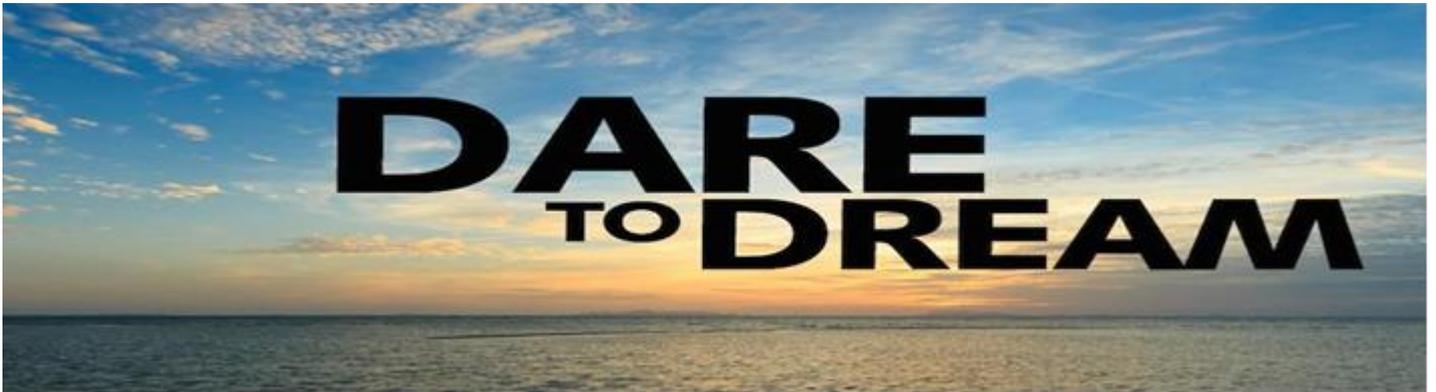
It is only right that we should acknowledge our Y8 pupils, who will also be leaving Bellingham Middle School today. We share their disappointment in missing out on what they deserved for their last term at middle school: a full high school transition programme; a challenging school trip abroad; an ambitious school production where it was their turn at last to take major roles, and of course, their prom. However, what must be remembered is that nothing can take away their academic achievement or personal growth as amazing young people during their time here. They leave us ready for more; looking forward to their future, which is exactly how it should be. We are very grateful to the BMSPTCA, who kindly funded leavers' hoodies for every Y8 pupil, and also, to Sarah Smith, whose technical wizardry supported the creation of a fabulous yearbook. We are looking forward to a reunion evening supper event when restrictions are lifted. Congratulations Y8 on being an outstanding year group; we send you off with our very best wishes for success at high school!

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to two of our governors who have reached the end of their time on the governing body. Firstly, Edwin Wilkinson, who has generously given us the benefit of his expertise, time and support over many years. His particularly thorough health and safety inspections will be much missed! Together with his wife, Pat, they have helped children at both schools create a fabulous garden and Pat has always amazed us with her ability to make brilliant costumes and props for our productions. Reverend Doctor Susan Ramsaran is also at the end of her term, and has been played an integral part in the life of our school, offering pastoral and spiritual support to all. We appreciate the many assemblies she has given; services she has led and prayer space opportunities she has given. We will always remember fondly the times when she made it possible for the Honourable Horatio Donk, a very patient show donkey, to lead pupils in a procession of children to church services. Thank you both Susan and Edwin for everything.

Finally, congratulations to Lillie in Y7, who was the winner of our Dare to Dream competition. The standard of entries was extremely high. Please see our gallery for quotes from many of the fantastic speeches and the full winning speech: a massive well done is due to these pupils, who clearly are unafraid to think big and be courageous advocates for the world we share. I am so proud of you all.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy future for you, your family and the wider community,

Helen Samuels
Headteacher



I Have a Dream

I have a dream that the surface of the world will cling onto faith while humanity pollutes the future for one more day.

I have a dream that one of the greatest challenges that the world has faced will conclude in a ban on all plastic and harmful materials.

I have a dream that the chaotic lives of the people whose property is only the clothes on their back will be invited into our world.

I have a dream that the whole world will contribute in donating just pennies to the people that really need it.

I have a dream that the seedling of loneliness and anguish will blossom into a beautiful flower of relief and bliss

I have a dream that the journey that lies ahead of us is not a synonym of the treacherous past.

I have a dream that all of my dreams will come true.

I have a dream that this will make people change and the world change its ways, help people in need and see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Lillie Y7





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Gallery of Quotes from just some of the BMS Pupils who dared to dream:

I have a dream where kindness shouldn't be a language we are taught, but one everyone is fluent from the day we are born. I was told that sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me, and I believe many others were but its wrong. Words can cut deeper and leave more emotional scars than any stick or stone can. I know so many people that would more likely remember being insulted than any compliments. It is important to be mindful of the words we use, no matter if it is our friends, family, loved ones or a stranger. Sticks and stones can break our bones but words can break our hearts.

Katie Y7

*I have a dream that technology wasn't so advanced,
that children would be children,
get dirty and care free,
communicate face to face with friends and loved ones.*

I have a dream that society wasn't all about likes and dislike; that photos were not about looks and appearance; that they were judged on happiness and well-being.

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I have a dream today.

Lucy Y8

*I have a dream that one day we will live in a world of peace.
In a world where war is not a solution.
In a world where everyone walks freely.
In a world where everyone is equal.*

*I have a dream that the ocean will not suffer.
That our planet will be clean once more.
That pollution is not known.
That animals do not die due to our waste but thrive alongside us.*

*I have a dream that people should not suffer.
People whose lives shall not be forgotten.
Innocent people lives being taken as of what someone else sees as right.
People dying of infection due to poor sanitation.*

*I have a dream that every child could have a good education.
Not just some but all people,
Not one above another,
But all standing together,
As one.*

*I have a dream that we will all live in a world of peace and harmony.
Where no one suffers
Where everyone is equal.*

Jenny Y7

*I have a dream that we all looked
through the same tinted glasses,
A dream that screamed 'Equality' and
'Rights',
A dream that I had hoped would last all
night.*

*I have a dream that we could state our
opinions,
A dream where we accepted others,
A dream where differences didn't matter.*

*I have a dream that poverty was
banished,
A dream where people of richer countries
lent a helping hand,
A dream where we all stood together, as
one big team.*

*I have a dream that was held so closely,
by woman and by man.
A dream that went worldwide,
A dream that was worth living.*

Elena Y7

I have a dream, a wonderful happy dream, that everyone will be treated equally, no matter the colour of their skin, their religion, their gender or who they fall in love with, or even their age. Everyone will be given the same chances in life as everyone else.

Emily Y7

I have a dream that someday the world will be a place that everybody can be equal and you can say whatever you want. A place where you can smile like there is nothing wrong. My dream is that everybody can live together without conflict and anger. I dream of a world where we all smile together; where the world is at peace with itself; when we put out the fires, look back at what has happened, leave it in the past and move forward from those times so that our world then is a peaceful and joyful place to live.

Lucy F Y7



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I have a dream that everyone in the world uses less plastic because it pollutes the oceans and kills animals. I think we should use biodegradable things like cardboard for packaging boxes and paper food packages so there is less plastic; that any of the plastic we do use should be recyclable.

Noah Y7

I have a dream that everyone will stay at home so the virus stops spreading, so we are all safe and the NHS can have a break because they have been the kindest people in the whole of lockdown as they need a big break for all the hard work they have done.

Anna Y5

I have a dream that one day everyone will be treated equally, no matter what their religion, skin colour or gender is; that everyone will have equal human rights and people will not start war over things like religion and skin colour.

Isabel Y5

I have a dream. I have a dream that one day sexism will be frowned upon and women won't have to fight for the pay gap to be stamped out. No one will be judged for how we look and how we act. I want a future not to be feared. There will be no stereotypes, and jobs can be for men and women or other. We are all different but we are all living on the same planet. I have a dream.

Amy Y8

*I have a dream that everyone will be treated equally no matter what.
I have a dream that the world will be a healthy and a clean world.
I have a dream that this world will be a friendly place.
I have a dream that no one will be judged by the colour of their skin and every one can live in peace.*

Lucy CF Y7

I have a dream that everyone has a right to be in this world, and that we should all be treated equally by the colour of our skins. We are all important and unique. Don't let anyone get you down by the colour of your skin. You are beautiful just the way you are! Having a different skin colour is unique and you should be happy about it. Be unique. Be different. Be you.

Chloe Y5

I have a dream that the world will be a better place in the future once we all get back to normal after the coronavirus has gone. I have learnt valuable lessons throughout my time in lockdown. Freedom is very important and I will value it more in the future.

Callum Y7

I have a dream that governments will spend their money on vaccines and cures for diseases, fresh water for everybody, not weapons and warships. I have a dream people will talk and solve their problems, not turn to violence. I dream everybody will have an equal voice and be listened to with an open mind, not dismissed for their beliefs.

Lucy Y5

I have a dream that Black Lives Matter and that everybody matters no matter how they look. They would be treated fairly because nobody should ever be judged by what they look like. It shouldn't matter what colour their skin is and it shouldn't matter what their religion is. Nobody should ever be treated differently.

Brooke Y5

I have a dream that people are not judged about their race. Does it matter about people's race? Or our birthmarks or what we look like? I don't look like you and that makes us, us. You cannot change a person because of what they look like. If you do, are they doing something wrong? We cannot be repeating history!! If you have your own opinions, that's okay. But it is not okay to shame anyone because of their appearance or their race.

Harriet Y7

I have another dream and it is to change bullying but I know it has been said a lot but stories I have heard about people taking their own life because of bullying makes me feel like my heart has stopped beating

Anna Y7.

