



BRADFIELD COLLEGE

PARTNERSHIPS IMPACT REPORT

2025-26

The Pursuit of Excellence
The Spirit of Adventure



2026 WINNER
TE Awards
for Innovation
in Education

Community Engagement & Charity Fundraising



INTRODUCTION

FROM THE HEAD

“ EDUCATION IS AT ITS MOST POWERFUL WHEN IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER. ”

At Bradfield College we are proud to work alongside an exceptional network of partner state schools, charities and community organisations across West Berkshire and beyond, creating opportunities for young people to learn from one another, broaden their horizons and develop the confidence, curiosity and compassion that will shape their futures.

These partnerships are founded on mutual respect and a shared commitment to helping every young person flourish. They enrich the educational experience of all those involved. Whether collaborating on academic projects, sharing sporting experiences, volunteering in local primary schools or supporting charitable initiatives, our pupils discover that some of life's most valuable lessons are learned through service, collaboration and genuine human connection. In turn, they develop a deeper understanding of their own strengths, a stronger sense of belonging within their community and a lasting appreciation of the positive difference they can make in the lives of others.

This report celebrates the remarkable breadth of those partnerships and the people who make them possible. It reflects



our belief that education extends far beyond the classroom and that our responsibility as a school is not only to pursue excellence within our own community, but also to contribute positively to the wider world around us.

I am enormously grateful to Joanne Foad and Darren Mitchell for the care, energy and vision they bring to developing and sustaining these partnerships, and to every member of staff, pupil and partner organisation whose generosity, commitment and enthusiasm have made this year's activities such a success. We were delighted to be awarded the 2026 Talk Education Innovation in Education Award for Community Engagement & Charity Fundraising in recognition of this. Above all, I would like to thank our partner schools and community organisations. It is a privilege to work alongside you, and we look forward to continuing these relationships in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Quartermain".

Jeremy Quartermain
Head
Bradfield College

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LEARNING TOGETHER

PARTNERSHIPS WITH
SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Our partnerships with local secondary schools are built on a shared belief that young people learn best when they learn together. By bringing pupils from different schools into the same classroom, debating chamber, sports field or lecture theatre, we create opportunities to exchange ideas, challenge perspectives and inspire one another. These collaborations enrich the educational experience for everyone involved, fostering curiosity, confidence and a deeper understanding of the world beyond their own school community.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY

Global thinking, shared perspectives

Working in partnership with Kennet School and Theale Green School, pupils came together through a programme of Model United Nations activities designed to develop diplomacy, critical thinking and collaboration. Through regular preparation sessions and joint conference participation, pupils worked both independently and in mixed-school delegations, learning to negotiate, debate and solve complex global challenges together.

By sharing ideas with peers from different backgrounds and experiences, pupils broadened their perspectives while developing the confidence to engage thoughtfully with issues that extend far beyond the classroom.





YEAR 10 COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

Building resilience through shared challenge

Weekly CCF sessions brought together pupils from Bradfield and Kennet School to develop leadership, teamwork and resilience and strengthening confidence and character. Through practical challenges and shared experiences, pupils learned to trust one another, communicate effectively and work towards common goals, fostering friendships across the schools.

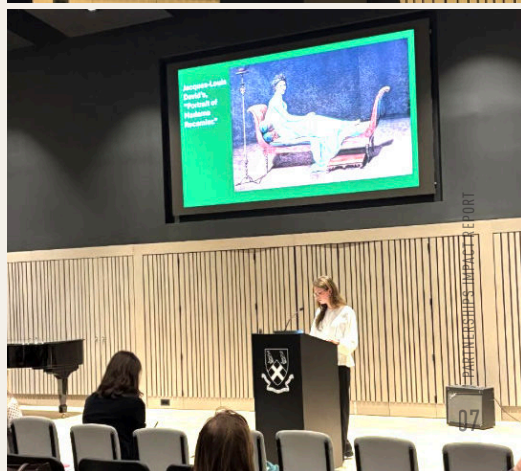




ARTICULATION!

*Creativity shared,
confidence
discovered*

In partnership with Kennet School, pupils took part in the National Gallery's ARTiculation Prize, researching and presenting on works of art before a live audience. Expert feedback and progression to regional finals challenged pupils to communicate complex ideas with clarity and conviction. The event brought together pupils, parents and staff, in a celebration of creativity, showing how partnership can nurture confidence, curiosity and a deeper appreciation of the visual arts.





DYING WELL TALK

Exploring life's most important questions

Pupils, partner schools and members of the wider community came together for this thought-provoking public lecture exploring the ethical and medical dimensions of end-of-life care. Led by Dr Jane Bywater, Consultant in Palliative Medicine and Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board, the discussion encouraged thoughtful debate, empathy and reflection.

By engaging with real-world issues beyond the curriculum, pupils developed a richer understanding of medicine, ethics and the importance of compassionate leadership.





ECONOMICS REVISION DAY

Learning together, achieving together

Year 13 pupils from Bradfield and The Downs School came together for an intensive revision day led by an experienced examiner, focusing on exam technique, revision strategies and building confidence ahead of final assessments.

The impact of this practical advice proved transformative. Many valued “learning exam technique” and “understanding different exam techniques for different

question styles”, while others welcomed “tips on how to structure our revision” and “going through which topics are likely to come up in the exam.” The introduction of clear approaches, such as “PCC structure” and “evaluation tips”, helped make complex exam skills more accessible and achievable.

Just as importantly, studying alongside pupils from another school created a collaborative atmosphere in which ideas, experiences and ambitions were shared. The day left pupils feeling better prepared, more confident and ready to approach their examinations with clarity and purpose.





CARWARDEN OLYMPIC GAMES

Together, everyone achieves more



For six years, the Carwarden Olympic Games has celebrated the power of sport to bring young people together. Bradfield pupils and pupils from Carwarden House School compete in mixed teams, working collaboratively through a series of sporting challenges that encourage teamwork, communication and mutual support.

Designed in partnership with Carwarden House, a specialist school for young people aged 11 to 19 with complex learning and additional needs, the event creates an inclusive environment where every participant is encouraged to contribute,

overcome challenges and celebrate success together. By focusing on collaboration rather than competition, pupils build confidence, form new friendships and discover the value of working alongside people with different experiences and abilities.

Although the 2026 event was unfortunately cancelled because of the June heatwave, the partnership remains an important and much-valued part of Bradfield's community programme, and both schools look forward to its return.

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INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

PARTNERSHIPS WITH
PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Through our partnerships with local primary schools, Bradfield pupils share their knowledge, enthusiasm and creativity while discovering the value of service, patience and responsibility as they become teachers, role models and mentors. From reading and science to sport and outdoor learning, these experiences inspire curiosity, build confidence and create lasting relationships that enrich every school involved.



LIBRARY AMBASSADORS

*Every story shared
sparks another*

Year 9 pupils partnered with Calcot Primary School to bring stories to life through games, discussion and creative storytelling. Together, they transformed reading into an interactive experience that encouraged imagination, conversation and a genuine enjoyment of books.

For younger pupils, the sessions nurtured confidence and curiosity. For Bradfield pupils, they demonstrated how sharing a favourite story can inspire a lifelong love of reading.





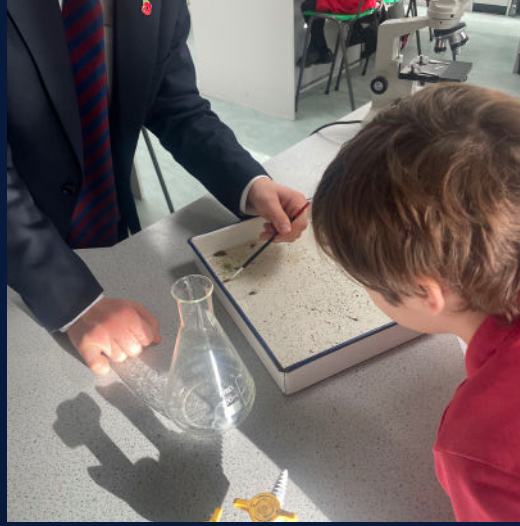
PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE AFTERNOONS

*Curiosity starts with
asking “why?”*

Year 5–6 pupils from Woolhampton and Basildon primary schools joined Bradfield for hands-on Biology and Physics sessions exploring sustainability. Working alongside Year 9 students, they took part in practical investigations and collaborative activities designed to build curiosity, confidence and engagement with STEM subjects.

The partnership benefited both groups. Bradfield pupils enjoyed leading and supporting younger learners, reflecting on “mixing with the children and helping them when they needed it”, “seeing how much fun they had” and “watching all of their creativity.”

Together they created an energetic inclusive learning environment bringing science to life and developing communication, leadership and enthusiasm for learning across both groups.



BASILDON WOODLAND SCHOOL



Sixth Form pupils joined weekly Forest School sessions with Basildon Primary School, encouraging younger children to explore, create and discover the natural world.

Learning through nature

Working together outdoors encouraged curiosity, resilience and teamwork, while giving Bradfield pupils valuable opportunities to lead with patience, empathy and encouragement. It was a reminder that some of the most memorable learning happens beyond the classroom walls.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT DAY



Opening minds to new possibilities

More than 240 Year 5 pupils from Mortimer, Calcot, Sulhamstead, Basildon, Goring and Woolhampton Primary Schools spent a day at Bradfield exploring twelve different subjects, from robotics and science to drama, art and design.

Led entirely by Bradfield Lower Sixth pupils, the day introduced younger learners to subjects, facilities and experiences they would not usually encounter. Teachers praised the opportunity for pupils to experience learning that was “practical and hands-on... engaging the children from start to end.”

For Bradfield pupils, the experience was equally transformative. Many reflected on “learning how to teach younger people” and “developing my teaching skills”, while others spoke about “making it interesting for kids” and “talking to children and understanding how they work.” Pupils also valued the responsibility of guiding and supporting younger students, from “leading them to sessions” to “helping children enjoy the classes.”

Above all, the day demonstrated the power of shared learning. Seeing younger pupils become excited by new ideas reminded everyone involved that curiosity is contagious.





ENGLISH WORKSHOP

*Learning grows
when it is shared*

IB students designed and delivered interactive English lessons for Year 5 and 6 pupils at Basildon Primary, developing their analytical writing using creative activities designed to build confidence.

Teaching younger pupils encouraged Bradfield students to revisit and refine their own understanding of language and grammar, while building meaningful relationships through shared learning. The result was an engaging exchange that benefited both teacher and learner alike.





PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS SERIES

Opportunities to play

Throughout the year, Bradfield hosts a programme of competitive sports events and festivals for Whitchurch, Pangbourne, Sulhamstead, Mortimer, Englefield, Woolhampton, Bucklebury, Yattendon, Spurcroft, Goring, Thatcham Park, Francis Bailey, Springfield, St Finians and Hungerford primary schools, spanning Mixed Netball, Cross Country, Girls' Football and Kwik Cricket. Nearly 100 Bradfield pupils, from Year 10 to Sixth Form, serve as coaches, officials and team managers, developing leadership, communication and organisational skills in real-world settings.

Each year, over 700 primary pupils take part, often experiencing competitive sport for the first time. The result is far more than competition. These events create an atmosphere where teamwork, enjoyment and belonging matter as much as the final score, helping young people discover the confidence that comes from taking part.





PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Sixth Form pupils volunteered each week at the after school club at Englefield Primary School, supporting staff by organising games and creative activities in a fun and engaging environment where younger pupils could learn and play.

Small moments, lasting impact

For Bradfield pupils, the experience contributed to CAS and Duke of Edinburgh, while developing communication, responsibility and adaptability. Over time, genuine relationships emerged, with Englefield pupils responding warmly to the enthusiasm and care shown and demonstrating how regular acts of service can have a lasting impact on everyone involved.





ABC TO READ

Helping every child discover the joy of reading

Now in its twelfth year, ABC to Read has become one of Bradfield's longest-standing and most valued partnership programmes. Working alongside pupils at Englefield and Woolhampton Primary Schools, trained Bradfield volunteers spend time each week reading one-to-one with children who need extra support to build confidence and fluency.

Through games, conversation and shared stories, the programme encourages a genuine enjoyment of reading while helping younger pupils develop essential literacy skills. Bradfield pupils receive specialist training in paired reading and safeguarding before becoming reading mentors, equipping them to build positive, supportive relationships with younger learners.

Week by week, confidence grows on both sides of the partnership. Younger pupils develop the skills and enthusiasm to become more independent readers, while Bradfield pupils discover the satisfaction that comes from helping someone else succeed.





CHARITABLE EVENTS

Service in Action

At Bradfield, charitable giving is shaped by pupils. Each year they identify the causes they care about most, organise events, inspire others to get involved and discover the difference that collective action can make.

During 2025–26, pupils raised an outstanding £21,874.64 in support of local and national charities. From organisations working within our own community, including Berkshire Youth and The Cowshed, to national charities such as Save the Children and Teenage Cancer Trust, their efforts reflected a genuine commitment to supporting others and making a positive impact beyond the College.

One of the highlights of the year was Jazz on a Summer's Evening, where the generosity of guests and supporters, including special auction donations from The Who,

helped pupils exceed their ambitious target of £10,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust. The evening demonstrated what can be achieved when a community comes together behind a shared cause.

Service also took practical forms throughout the year. Through The Cowshed Christmas Appeal, pupils donated more than 500 Christmas presents for local children and young people, while a collection of prom dresses and suits enabled around 100 young people to attend their school celebrations with confidence and pride.

Whether raising funds, volunteering their time or donating essential items, these initiatives reflect Bradfield's belief that education extends beyond personal achievement. They encourage pupils to develop empathy, responsibility and a lifelong commitment to serving their communities.

“*Education extends past personal achievement. It is about using our opportunities to serve others.*”

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CHARITABLE EVENTS INCLUDED:



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coffee Morning & Quiz | Harvest Festival
Michaelmas Concert | Yattendon Concert



SEASONAL GIVING

Christmas Campaign | Christmas Own
Clothes Day | Bradfield Carol Service
London Carol Service | Poppy Appeal



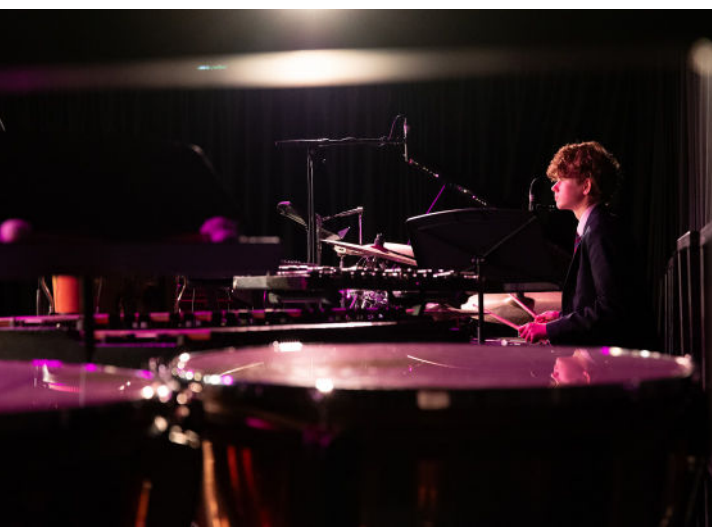
PUPIL-LED FUNDRAISING

Jazz on a Summer's Evening
Bradfield The Voice | Open Mic Night
Shell Ball | Fifth Form Ball
Lower Sixth Ball | Wear Red Day
Wear Blue for Berkshire Youth
Eden Motors Raffle



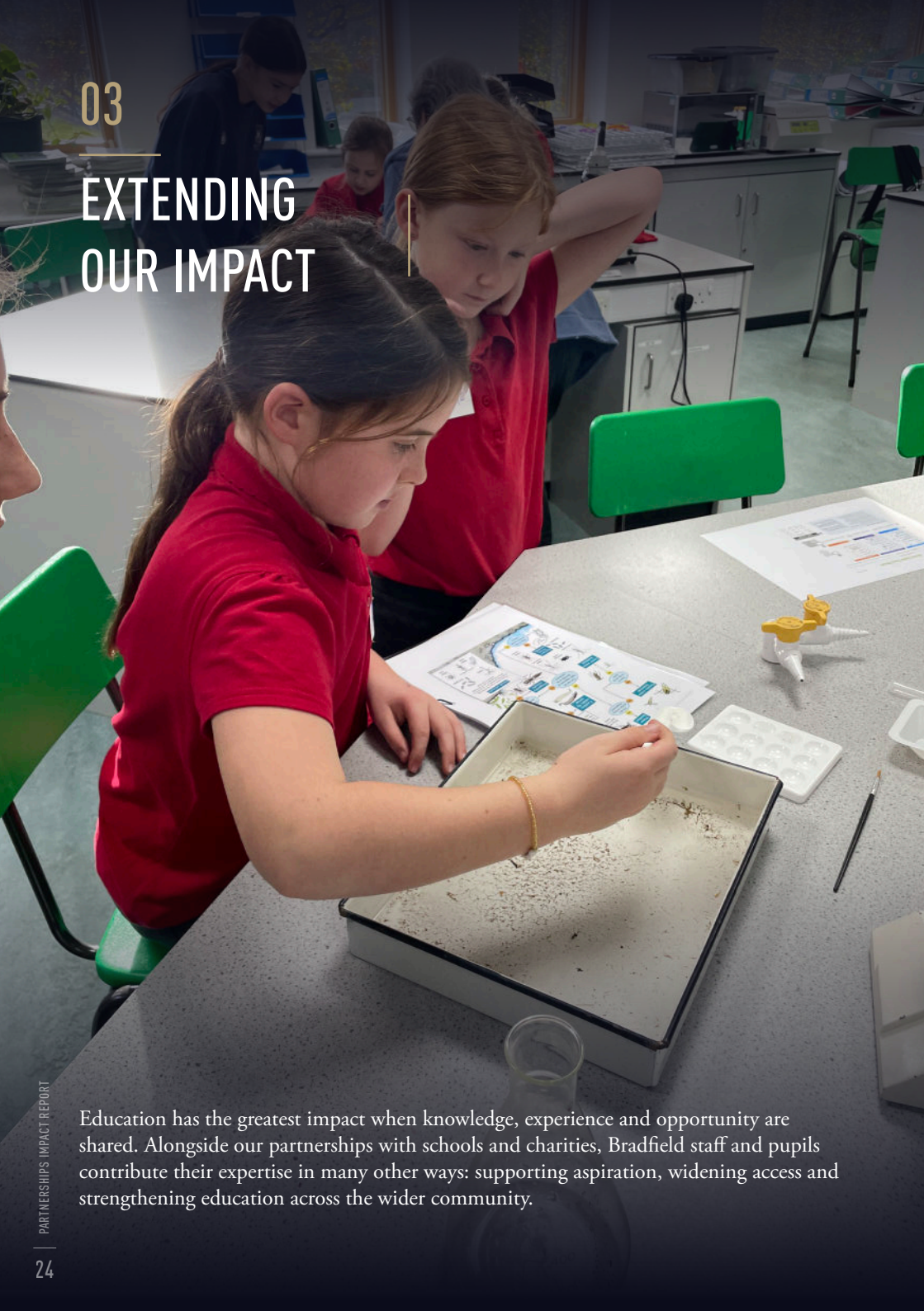
COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

West Berkshire Foodbank
Prom Dress & Suit Appeal



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EXTENDING OUR IMPACT



Education has the greatest impact when knowledge, experience and opportunity are shared. Alongside our partnerships with schools and charities, Bradfield staff and pupils contribute their expertise in many other ways: supporting aspiration, widening access and strengthening education across the wider community.

SPRINGFORWARD MENTORSHIP

Opening doors to higher education.

Bradfield teachers volunteered as mentors through the SpringForward programme, supporting care-experienced young people as they navigated the UCAS application process. By sharing their expertise, offering encouragement and helping pupils make informed decisions about their futures, they played a small but important role in widening access to higher education.

The partnership also provided valuable professional development for staff, deepening their understanding of the barriers some young people face and reinforcing the transformative power of education.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Sharing expertise beyond Bradfield

Thirteen members of Bradfield staff serve as governors in local schools, contributing their professional knowledge and experience to support educational leadership across the region.

These voluntary roles strengthen relationships between schools while providing staff with fresh perspectives that enrich their own practice back at Bradfield. It is another example of education being strengthened through collaboration and shared expertise.



TEFL ACCREDITATION

Language creates connection

Through Bradfield's TEFL programme, Sixth Form pupils gain a recognised qualification to teach English as a Foreign Language before putting their learning into practice by supporting members of the local community.

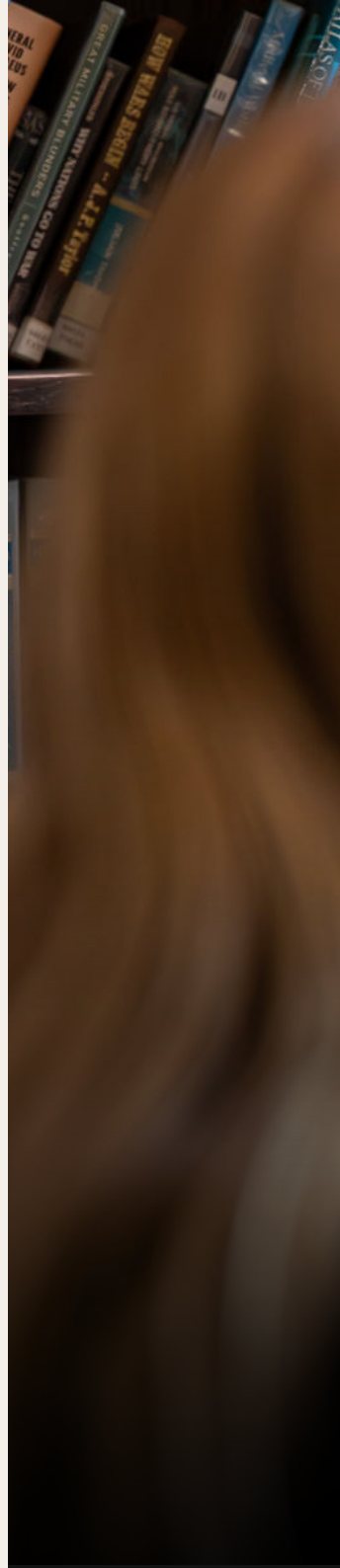
As well as developing practical teaching and communication skills, pupils experience the satisfaction of helping others gain confidence through language, demonstrating how service and learning can go hand in hand.

BURSARY PARTNERSHIP

Opening doors to opportunity

Through our partnership with the SpringBoard Foundation, Bradfield welcomed a pupil on a 110% bursary, providing access to a transformational educational experience that might otherwise have been beyond reach.

The partnership reflects the College's commitment to widening access and ensuring that talented young people can benefit from everything a Bradfield education has to offer, regardless of financial circumstances.





LOOKING AHEAD

Every partnership featured in this report reflects a shared belief that education has the power to change lives. Whether through collaboration with local schools, volunteering in the community, charitable giving or widening access to opportunity, our pupils and staff continue to learn alongside others while making a positive contribution to the communities of which we are proud to be a part. We are grateful to every school, charity and organisation that has worked with us this year, and we look forward to building on these partnerships in the years ahead.



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