

Parent and Community Bulletin

April 29th 2024



The Birley Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Updates for half term 5!

GCSE exams begin: This half term marks the start of GCSE exams, and we would like to send best wishes to all our Year 11 students taking exams. Their hard work and dedication leading up to this point will undoubtedly pay off, and we're here to support them every step of the way. The Period 7 timetable for Y11 is on the right.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| IMEDIA- coursework- DGI | H&S- ARE | Maths- higher- SVE/ABO | | Food- DAL Exam support |
| History- DCS History- FHA History- RMA | Graphics/Imedia - SVE | BTEC Sport- ARE | | |
| | Drama- ABI | Science- OHA | | |
| | English- AHU | Music- SGI | | |
| | | Engineering- HWA | | |
| | | Food- Coursework- DAL | | |
| Physics- Mondays 12.45-1.15 225 | Library each night for independent revision | | | Science Exam questions ABR 8am-8.20am Monday |

Continued learning and assessment preparation: Throughout this half term, our teachers will continue to work hard to ensure all our pupils are learning the full curriculum, ready for the end of year assessments in half term 6.

Importance of student attendance: We cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular school attendance. There is a clear link between attendance and your child's overall outcomes. Please support us in encouraging your child to attend school regularly. Doing so will greatly contribute to their overall success.

Enrichment opportunities:

Our enrichment programme remains vibrant and varied, offering students opportunities to explore their interests and talents beyond the classroom. Please refer to the programme here for further details on continuing activities.

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| SPORTS | Girls Football Table Tennis | Y7 Boys Football Street Dance Y8 Mountain Bike | Netball Fitness Rugby Y7 Mountain Bike | Library Open for Independent Study | |
| OTHER | Drama Club | D&D club | DT Club | | |
| REVISION/ STUDY | History | Health & Social | Science practical 225 | | |
| | Geography | | Maths Higher English (invite only) | | |

Celebrating student achievements:

We're thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our students:

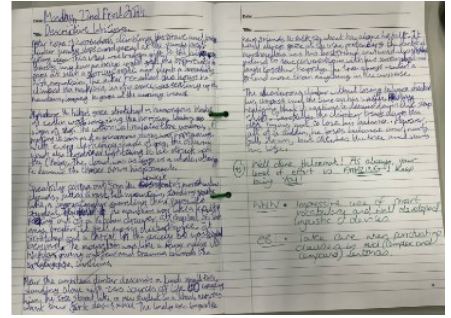
*Congratulations to our **Year 11** students for their outstanding performances in the recent drama and music evening. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through, making it a memorable event for all involved.

*Special recognition to **Haleemah I** (Year 9) for her exceptional piece of descriptive writing, showcasing unwavering effort and skill.

*A big applause to **Jamie A** (Year 7) for his selection to play for the South Yorkshire U12s regional cricket squad, a remarkable achievement indeed.

*Kudos to **Holly B** (Year 11) for her magnificent sculpture, a testament to her creativity and imagination.

*Furthermore, we commend the 12 students who participated in the **University of Sheffield visit**, gaining invaluable insights into university life and financial literacy.



Library and homework club: The school library is open every day from 10.50am – 11.05am; lunch time and after school, until 4pm (3.30pm on a Friday). We would encourage pupils who want support with homework to attend. Pupils can access books, as well as use computers, to complete their homework.



Book Fair: Our recent book fair was a resounding success, with students enthusiastically participating and showing their love for reading. Thanks to the overwhelming support from our students, we've managed to raise over £180 during the book fair. This not only reflects their passion for literature but also highlights their generosity in contributing to such a meaningful cause.

In reflecting on the year's achievements, we're proud to announce that our students have collectively spent £600 at our book fairs, including this recent one and our September book fair. This remarkable figure underscores the importance of fostering a culture of reading and literacy within our school community. We extend our gratitude to all the parents / carers who encouraged their children to participate and support our book fair initiatives.

And lastly, an enormous thank you to every single parent and carer who continues to support us, we genuinely appreciate everything you do.

Your presence at the performance evening, the Y11 parents evening, and the Y7 Kingswood information evening are appreciated by staff and pupils.

Thank you!