



## Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short but intense term in the Academy. Our Year 11 students have shown their focus and determination by sitting mock examinations, attending conferences and attending Period 6 after school every night. Thank you to you all for the huge support that you are giving them. We have every belief that the hard work and dedication of them and their teachers will pay off in the summer.

Congratulations too to all those students who have improved their attendance this term. Some wonderful success stories and school attendance is increasing rapidly.

This term has been a term of sporting successes and cultural visits, football, golf and cinema visits have all featured largely.

In Year 9 option choices are completed. We have seen wonderful levels of engagement from Y9 who are being very thoughtful and considerate as they choose their subjects for study next year.

Thank you to all of you who have been involved in academy life this term. From governor elections, to homework surveys and giving us feedback on the general life in the academy, record numbers of families have contributed to help us shape our future work. Your opinions are greatly valued. Have a wonderful break. We will see you all back in April.

Best Wishes,

Gina Newton

## What's Happening...

### Exploring STEM...

On Wednesday 27 March 2019, Miss Humphries and Mrs Chadburn accompanied 30 of our Y10 students on a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) event for girls hosted by the University of Sheffield, Octagon Centre.

This was an opportunity designed to inform and spark girl's curiosity in STEM. The event commenced with an inspirational talk from Gwendolen Reilly, Bio Engineer. Students then visited a wide selection of exhibition stands in the Octagon Centre where they had the opportunity to be involved in hands-on-activities and demonstrations from the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, STEM societies and organisations.



### Congratulations....

Following recent parent elections we would like to congratulate Susan Breeze who has been elected as Parent AAB Member.



## Y10 Work Experience 8 – 19 July 2019

As you are aware during the two weeks **Monday 8 - Friday 19 July 2019** all Y10 students at Birley Academy will be given the opportunity to go out on work experience. This important opportunity is part of a developing Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Programme. It gives students a valuable chance to work with a new range of people in a real working environment and forms an important part of each student's CV/Progress file which is called upon during Post 16 via inclusion in on line application for 6<sup>th</sup> Forms, Colleges and training providers also during Y11 mock interviews.

We have already received student placement paperwork from a large majority of our students but there are still a number of students who have not yet managed to find placement or returned paperwork. Easter Holidays may be a good time for those students to continue their search. Student Paperwork (Green Forms) should be returned to Mrs Pemberton, Main Office at school as soon as possible.

Should any student require assistance in finding a placement please contact Mrs Pemberton, Main Office at School on any Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday.

## Raising Awareness...

The Birley Academy hosted a Guns and Knives Presentation here at school. The Presentation was delivered by the Police over two days during assemblies, Wednesday 20 / Thursday 21 March 2019. All year groups attended these presentations to raise awareness.

Mr Burnham

## MFL Dept...

### Y8 MFL Showroom Cinema Visit - Thursday 28 March 2019

60 of our Y8 students are participating in a visit to view a French film "La Famille Bélier", a heart-felt comedy about a family whose sixteen-year old daughter Paula is an indispensable interpreter for her deaf parents and brother.

Students will travel accompanied by Ms Minnion, Miss Mason, Mrs Wells and Mrs Dyson on Thursday 28 March 2019 to The Showroom Cinema in Sheffield city centre for the viewing. The visit in past years has proven to be very successful and gives our students a good opportunity to listen to the French spoken language.

### Y9 MFL Showroom Cinema Visit – Thursday 2 May 2019

Letter of interest can be collected from: French Teachers, Main Reception, and Student Services.

## Prom, Year Book...

Prom will be held at Mosborough Hall, Wednesday 26 June 2019 – 7.30pm – 10.30pm £22

Y11 Year Book is available to order and purchase on School Comms £20

Mrs Denniff

## SEN Drop In Clinic

Clinic for any SEN queries held by Mrs Buckley, SENCO - Mondays 3pm – 6pm



## Duke of Edinburgh Award – Presentation Evenings....

Joe Stamford collecting his award..



The Birley Academy students...



Students from across the City have been collecting their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Presentation Evenings held at the City Hall. The Birley Academy had 23 students achieve their Bronze award qualification.

Completing a Duke of Edinburgh Award at any level is an incredible achievement. It involves hard work, giving back to your community, volunteering your time, being a team player and so much more.

Cllr Denise Fox congratulated the groups on Monday 4 March, she said: *“Congratulations to you all, I never had the opportunity to do the Duke of Edinburgh Award and learn all the skills that can help you get on in life. The skills you all have learnt now are lifelong and will help you in the next step of your lives, perhaps getting a job or going to University. When I was Lord Mayor, I met many employers and they were all looking for something different to set candidates out from the rest. Holding a Duke of Edinburgh Award will certainly do that.”*

Deputy Lord Mayor Tony Downing congratulated the attendees on Monday 11 March. He said: *“Completing your Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic achievement!”*

Students have the opportunity to start the award at the end of Y9 and complete it in Y10.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze Programme

Next term we will be launching the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, bronze programme, with year 9 students.

This involves students completing four sections:

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- **Expedition:** planning, training for, and completion of a practice expedition in the Autumn and a qualifying expedition in the summer of year 10.

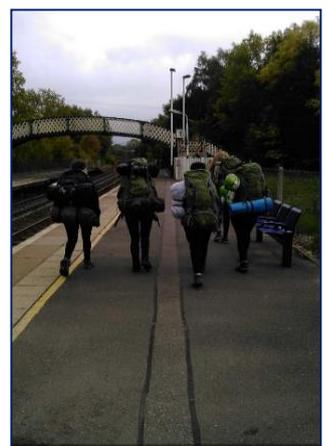
To achieve an award, the participant must work on each section for a minimum period of time, and must be monitored and assessed by someone with knowledge of the chosen activities. Each progressive level demands more time and commitment from participants.

Bronze 3–6 months; Participants are required to show regular activity and commitment to the award for the duration of their DofE programme, which is usually at least one hour per week.

**“GET INVOLVED...”**

Interested students should contact: Mrs Kellitt, Mr Cronin

Duke of Edinburgh





**Easter Revision Session 1 - 4 April 2019 Inc / 8 - 12 April 2019 Incl....**

Easter Revision sessions will go ahead on the above dates, students attending the sessions have been invited by letter. Priority has been given to those students involved in subjects where coursework is a main criteria toward the final grade Food Tech, Graphics, Art etc thus giving the students a good opportunity to raise their grades further.

Sessions will run from 9am -2.30pm and it is hoped that all those students invited to attend will be in a position to do so.

Mr D Casey

**Ski Trip to Lofer in Austria...**

February half term, Saturday 16 - Saturday 23 February 2019, saw 40 of our students participate in a 5 night residential ski trip to Gasthof Kirchenwirt, Lofer in Austria. Students were accompanied by

During their stay not only did students learn to ski but had the opportunity to indulge in the breath taking alpine environment of tree-lined pistes, snow-capped mountains and the beautiful scenery of Austria.

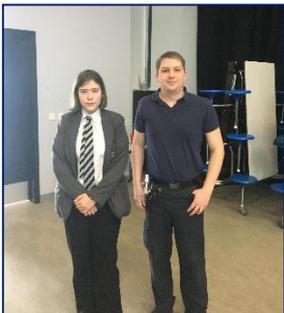
A great time was had by all.



**Science Dept...**

Sarahy Blakemore Y8 Student, Joe Galiszewski

**Science Week**



Practising CPR...

During Science week, 8 - 17 March 2019, students were involved in various sessions in lesson including a science quiz, and talks.

Birley welcomed, Joe Galiszewski, a Paramedic who came into school to deliver a series of talks concentrated on "The day in the life of a Paramedic". Students were given the opportunity to gain some very valuable insight. A BIG thank you to Joe for giving up his time to come into school.

**Y7 Science Club...**

Y7 Science Club – Students studiously at work carrying out various science research.

Science Club Monday 2.45pm – 3.30pm Mr Lomasney





### PE Dept.... - RUGBY



George Sedgewick Y8



As part of our CRBE All Schools Programme George Sedgewick, one of our Y8 students, was lucky enough to be chosen to represent The Birley Academy and collect our shirt, designed by our students, from Twickenham (the home of England Rugby).

We are delighted to be working with England Rugby and we are really enjoying Rugby this year at The Birley Academy. Y7-Y10 this year have had a number of fixtures and have been progressing really well over the year. Keep up the good work!

Mr Whittaker, PE Dept

Towards the end of Y9 Ethan Parker, the Y10 team captain, came to me asked if I wanted to be the Manager of the Y10 Football Team after Mr Raey left the school. I was dubious, a busy man and to be honest not the best at football but decided to give it a whirl. I can honestly say it has been one of the best decisions I have made this last year. The boys have been an absolute pleasure to work with, shown great character and had a cracking football season. I am so proud of each and everyone one of them for all the hard work they have put in playing on cold rainy Friday nights and putting up with me shouting at them for an hour every game.

The boys have played in both the league and cup this season. The team had an unbelievable cup run which resulted in them being in the final on Saturday 23rd March 2019. The final was a great occasion and a brilliant game which ended up going to extra-time. The boys played an amazing game, showing brilliant character to come from behind twice.

Unfortunately we lost the game in the last few mins 4-3 to a good All Saints team.

We have one final game this Thursday 28 March 2019 where we have a chance to finish top of the league. Success would top off an awesome year. Here is to one more year working with the boys going into the Y11 season. We are aiming to win the cup at Bramall Lane and I am looking forward seeing them perform as a solid hard working team. All the best boys!!

Mr Gillatt

### Y10 Football Team 2018-2019...



#### Y10 Team

Manager: Mr Gillett  
Captain: Ethan Parker  
Team: Ethan Parker, Clayton Harrison, Marcus Mansell, Jack Gasoigne, Charlie Collins, James Hill, Eddie Bartles, Thierry Newton, Harry Wood, Ross Hobson, Harvey Hylton, Timmy Marsden, Alfie Collins, Ahren Rogers

# Attendance Figure

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please let us know each morning giving a reason for non-attendance Option 1 on school number.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance contact your Education Welfare Officers at school **Karen Newton** and **Penny Hunt** Option 1 on the schools number or send a message via School Comms.

# Important Notices

**Parent/Carer Contact Details** - Please ensure that school has all up to date contact details: mobile phone numbers, email address etc.

## School Day - September 2018

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Tutor time<br>8.40am–<br>9.00am | Period 1<br>9.00am –<br>10.00am | Period 2<br>10.00am –<br>11.00am | Break | Period 3<br>11.15am–<br>12.15pm                      | Period 4  |  | Period 5<br>1.45pm -<br>2.45pm | Intervention,<br>Enrichment and<br>Detention time<br><br>2.45 – 3.45pm<br>As applicable |
|                                 |                                 |                                  |       | <b>Lunch 1</b><br>Year 7, 9 & 11<br>12.15 – 12.45 pm | <b>Lunch 2</b><br>Year 8 & 10<br>1.15 – 1.45 pm |  |                                |   |

## Dates for your Diary

## Holidays

| April |
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**18** Easter Holiday (1 – 12 April Inclusive)  
**19** Y11 Parents' Evening 16:30 - 19:00  
**22** Good Friday  
**22** Easter Monday

| May |
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**6** May Day Holiday  
**13** GCSE Examinations Start  
**14** Injections – catch up 09:00 - 11:00  
**27** Half Term (27 – 31 May Inclusive)

| June |
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**21** Training Day 2  
**21** GCSE Examinations End  
**24** Y10 Parents' Evening 16:30 – 19:00  
**26** Y11 Prom 19:00 – 22:30

| July |
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**2** Celebration Evening 18:00 – 19:00  
**8** Y6 Transition Mon - Thurs  
**8** Y10 Work Experience (8 – 19 Inclusive)  
**10** Summer Show 18:00 – 20:00  
**15** Sports Day  
**19** School Closes at 3.00pm

### Term Dates and Holidays - Academic Year 2018/2019 – All Dates are Inclusive

School re-opens to students on: **Tuesday 4 September 2018**

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| <b>Autumn Term 1</b> | <b>Tuesday 4 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018</b>             |
| Autumn Half Term     | Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018                      |
| <b>Autumn Term 2</b> | <b>Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018</b>              |
| Christmas            | Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019                      |
| <b>Spring Term 1</b> | <b>Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019</b>               |
| Spring Half Term     | Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019                    |
| <b>Spring Term 2</b> | <b>Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 29 March 2019</b>                |
| Easter Holiday       | Monday 1 April 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019                           |
| <b>Summer Term 1</b> | <b>Monday 15 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019</b>                     |
| Easter Bank Holiday  | <b>School is closed Friday 19 April 2019 and Monday 22 April 2019</b> |
| May Day              | Monday 6 May 2019   |
| Summer Half Term     | Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019                              |
| <b>Summer Term 2</b> | <b>Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019</b>                      |

**Training Days for staff – Students not in school;**  
 Monday 3 September 2019

Other inset days will be advised later in the year via the Newsletter. All Newsletters are displayed on our website.