



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

Newsletter

Head Teacher Message

What a fantastic half term it's been.

Our students have been so hard working this term. It's great to see them all so focused.

Earlier this month we welcomed over 400 people to our open evening; an excellent opportunity for students in all year groups to show off their academy and all their favourite things about it.

We have all really welcomed the opportunity to meet so many of you at our curriculum information evenings. The feedback shows that you have found these valuable in helping to support your child with their learning and so will become a firm fixture in future. It has also given us valuable feedback for how we can improve.

We have recently welcomed Ms Rhodes back to the Maths department after her maternity leave, staff and students alike are delighted that she's back with us.

There have been lots of visits and trips including to France, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and geography fieldwork.

I'd like to genuinely thank you for all your help and support this half term. On behalf of all the staff I hope you have a restful half term.

What's Happening....

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Teaching Assistant, Lou Bragger, who has been nominated by Mrs Buckley, SENDCO, here at Birley, for National Teaching Assistant of the Year. The nomination is for her work with the students on intervention of Speech, Language and Communication, giving the students the support needed to succeed and thrive at Birley.

Congratulations also to Teaching Assistant, Alex Martin, who has been recognised by his Agency, Teaching Personnel for his outstanding contribution and commitment.

We wish Lou the best of luck going through to the next round.

Lou Bragger, Alex Martin



Y11 GCSE Students measuring channel characteristics to investigate variations in river flow.



Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Visit

Padley Gorge, Burbage Brook and Nursery Street, Sheffield Centre

Y11 students currently studying Geography were given the opportunity, accompanied by our Geography teaching and support staff, to participate in a day's fieldwork visit to Padley Gorge and Burbage Brook in the Peak District, and also Nursery Street in Sheffield City Centre. The aim of the field trip was for students to study how rivers change and the strategies used to manage flooding as part of their GCSE Course.

An informative, fact finding mission for all involved.

**WORK EXPERIENCE 9 - 20 JULY 2017****A BIG THANK YOU....**

To all our Parents/Carers who assisted their children, and all Birley staff who assisted their students in finding appropriate Company placements for their Work Experience weeks in July 2017.

All of the practical advice and general positive guidance given during the process led to over 200 of our Y10 students being given the opportunity to go out into the world of work and experience what, for the majority, has been a very positive and enjoyable 10 days.

Staff who visited the students in situ received some wonderful comments and great feedback from the Companies on how well the students performed for the 10 days. The student references received back in School from the Companies reflect this. I have included an example below and there are many more displayed around School:

"Lauren was brilliant with her colleagues who loved her enthusiasm" J Fielding, Chatsworth Grange Care Home.

"Dylan's punctuality was excellent, early every day. He worked well and communicated well with the team". B Harrup, Sheffield Hallam University.

"Elliott, always turned up on time and was able to complete and follow instruction. He would ask for help or guidance if met with a problem. Elliott has had a brilliant 10 days here." Mrs Garratty, Birley Primary Academy.

"James was first class. Considerate, attentive and purposeful. He showed an avid attitude and a personal desire to improve himself and has a very proactive approach to problem solving. Exemplary behaviour when working with others." D Bently, Corporate Business Head, Rounders England.

WELL DONE... to all our students who completed their Work Experience and conducted themselves admirably during their brief taste of the world of work.

Next year's Work Experience dates: Monday 8 - Friday 19 July 2019

Y11 Careers Education Information And Guidance Calendar....

Sheffield Futures, Careers Advisor ALISON MIGNON will be in school every Wednesday based in the Library.

Y11 Students – Y11 Mock Interviews Friday 14 December 2018 – Parent/Carer information letters will be sent out via students. Please look out for more details to follow.

Y11 Students - UCAS Progress - This is the online Application Site for students to apply for Post 16 places in College / 6th Form / Training Providers/ Apprenticeship. Login details will be issued at the beginning of October to students and Introduction lessons delivered in PSHE lessons thereafter.

Year 8 Visit to the Opal Coast in Northern France

From Thursday 27 to Friday 28 September 2018 43 of our Y8 students attended a two days/one night residential visit to the Opal Coast in Northern France.

The visit was organised by the Modern Foreign Languages Department and gave an amazing opportunity to provide students with an insight into the French culture and to see first-hand the picturesque region of the Opal Coast. One of the outcomes of the visit was to allow students to improve their listening and language skills as they had plenty of opportunities to practise their French whilst in France. Hopefully their motivation and ability in French will be considerably boosted.

The visit included: the town Wierre-Effroy for a tour/visit of the Boulangerie - the town of Beussent for a guided tour of the Chocolaterie de Beussent factory - the town of Boulogne to Nausicaä, the French National Sea Centre

Thanks to our staff who accompanied students, Mrs Woofenden, Miss Miniot, Mr Gillatt, Mr Martin and Mrs Musslewhite. A great time had by all!



Winner Brigitta Szuhai

2nd Jessica Gascgoine

3rd Evie Lynch

Runners Up: Liberty Cooke
Katie Leigh



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Sheffield Art Treasure Hunt Challenge GCSE Summer Challenge

During the Summer GCSE Art students were given the challenge is to locate some of Sheffield's finest contemporary art works all located in the town centre. By simply taking a selfie with the art works and extra photos of the work to prove they found it.

All students involved did a fantastic job producing a very high standard of work.

Well done to all and Congratulation to the winners...



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The Birley Academy has introduced a new service 'School Gateway' the parent portal (app and website) that allows you to make online payments to school via instant bank transfer, credit or debit card. Parents/carers can view school meal balances and top them up at any time.

What you need to do now to activate your account:

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). School Gateway app is optimised for smartphone use, but can also be accessed on a tablet. The app shows the same information as the website and you can send app messages to school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because we do not have your current email address and mobile phone number on record. Please call the Academy office and we will update the details on our system.

Important Notices

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

Access Changes - **From October 2018 there will be no pedestrian access from Birley Lane at anytime. For your convenience, the barriers will be raised at 7:45am for drop off and again at 2:30pm for pick up for vehicular access only. If you are parking in the local area please remember to be mindful of our neighbours and to park considerately.**

SEN Drop In Clinic

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

School Day - September 2018

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

Dates for your Diary

Holidays

October	8	Y9 Injections	
	9	Y8 Parents Information Evening	6:30 - 7:30
	16	Y7 Parents Information Evening	6:30 - 7:30
	17	Whole School Photographs	
	17	Y5 / Y6 Open Evening	5:30 - 7:00
	24	Post 16 Evening	6:30 - 8:00
	29 - 2 Nov	Half Term	
November	6	Y11 Parents' Evening	4.30 - 7:00
	W/C 12	Y11 Mock Exams	
	W/C 19	Y11 Mock Exams	
	27	Celebration Evening	6:00
	29	Y8 Parents' Evening	4:30 - 7:00
December	10	Christmas Concert	6:00 - 7:30
	14	Y11 Opportunities Day	

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

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

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

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.

For more information and dates, visit our website www.birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.