

The Birley Academy Year 8 Weekly Student Bulletin

Hi Year 8 Students, Parents and Carers

We have come, to what has been, a very surreal ending to the 19/20 academic year. At the start of this school year I bet none of us would have thought that this would be how the year would end. It is a shame that we haven't had the usual looking forward to breaking up for the summer, discussing what we might be doing over the holidays, saying a farewell to each other and wishing everyone a happy summer. I know that I have missed seeing you all around school and I am sure that most of you will have missed the routine of coming to school, seeing your teachers and your friends (although this might not be admitted by everyone!).

Hopefully as we break up for summer restrictions will carry on to be lifted and we will all be able to have an enjoyable summer, get out and about, enjoy some nice weather and see family and friends, ready to return in September fully recharged and well rested.

Whatever you may be up to during the holidays I hope you all have a lovely time and I look forward to seeing you all, back in school, in September.

Take care, stay safe, enjoy yourselves and make lots of memories with your family and your friends!

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Messages from your tutors

A message for 8B - "8B believe it or not I'm actually missing you. Yes all of you! I can't wait until we're all back together. But in the meantime have a good summer and stay safe." [Dr Webb – 8B tutor](#)

To the AMAZING 8C (when I next see you, 9C). Who'd have thought when I said goodbye to you on Friday 20th March, only part way through your Y8 journey, I wouldn't be saying good morning to you again until September?! Crazy!! But it's what needed to happen to keep the nation as safe as possible. It's been great to hear from some of you via email and to hear what you've been getting up to; stories of LOTS of baking, doing Joe Wicks, learning to cook and having funny haircuts (I hope you still have those in September :). I just wanted to wish you the very best of Summer holidays, albeit probably not the Summer you had originally planned. Remember to make memories, see friends, do exercise but most of all, stay safe. I will see you all in September ready to nag you to tuck your shirt in, sign your planner, and remember your equipment but mainly to hear all of your stories and to continue to be better than Mrs Woffenden's tutor group, 9G!! Go Team 8C! [Ms Mason – 8C Tutor](#)

8G, enjoy the holidays and I'll see you in September when you'll be Y9! [Ms Woffenden 8G Tutor](#)

Hi 8H, please take the summer to have fun, embrace our new normal and be confident that we are so excited to see you all. Here is to a wonderful holiday and new memories and achievements to make in Y9! [Ms Bannister 8H Tutor](#)

Favourite films

My absolutely favourite film is 1984's "The Karate Kid" I was 10 years old when it came out and I still get the shivers (35 years on!) at the end when Daniel gets injured in a Karate competition against his arch rival and has to do the iconic "Crane kick" (made up move for the film) at the end to win the fight. I still wash my car, with Mr Miyagi's "wax - on, wax-off" method! I also had a massive crush on Ralph Macchio aka The Karate Kid. Great times. [Mrs W – French](#)

Mine is Top Gun with Tom Cruise. It was the first film I went to see with my friends in the cinema that used to be in the bus station. May 1986! It's a typical love story – man goes to train as a pilot, thinks he is invincible, loses his best friend whilst falling in love with the female instructor. There is Top Gun Maverick that was due to come out this summer but has been delayed until Dec 2020 because of COVID. I will definitely be going to watch that and hoping it will be as good as the first although I find the sequels never usually are! [Mrs Hartley, YL 8](#)

My Favourite films are all the Avengers films as I can watch these with my partner. Whilst I was at school I loved Angus, Thongs and perfect snogging because it's the typical outcast girl who falls in love with the popular boy and after overcoming many barriers, they eventually end up together. I would recommend anyone who hasn't seen this film and enjoy a good romance film then watch this film and you won't be disappointed. [Ms Heaton – YL 10](#)

