



# The Birley Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been back at school for three weeks and already we are nearly halfway through half-term two. Time is passing by so quickly, as they say.

As always, students continue to remind us just how amazing they are. They have come back from their October half-term break keen and ready to learn. Our School Improvement Partner, Mr Craven, noted in recent learning walks that students are focused on their learning. As teachers, we are really proud of them.

### Tutor time and assemblies:

It has been lovely to see students in KS3 reading during tutor time in the morning. Students have told us they love the books that they are reading. Particular favorites are, *Mythos* by Stephen Fry and *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. If you would like more information on our reading curriculum, please let us know.

In KS4, tutor time is used to give students extra exam support. We also run assemblies to encourage all students to access the wider parts of school life, offered through the Birley Promise. We want students to take full advantage of the Birley Promise - there is something for everyone.

As I write, there are 4 school trips taking place this week (beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November) ranging from a STEAM event at Gulliver’s Kingdom, to a Good Food Guide, at Birmingham, NEC.

Please see below for the various lunch and after-school clubs:

### Key stage 3:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Trampolining (Sports Hall) 2.35pm	Sparx Maths homework club 132 2.35pm	Netball PE 2.35pm	Basketball PE 2.35pm	
Table Tennis (Sports Hall) 2.35pm	Games Club 155 lunchtime	Boys Football PE 2.35pm	Girls Football PE 2.35pm	
Drama Club 122 – 2.35pm		Y7 Mountain Bike Club 112 2.35pm	Eco Committee Lunchtime 155	
Y9 Debate Club 218 – 2.35pm		Art Club 219 – 2.35pm	Music Club 121 – 2.35pm	
Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime

## Key stage 4:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Trampoline (Sports Hall) 2.50pm	Sparx Maths homework club 132 – 2.50pm	Netball PE -2.50pm	Basketball PE -2.50pm
Table Tennis (Sports Hall) 2.50pm		History 146 2.50pm	Fitness PE - 2.50pm
Art 219 and 220 2.50pm		Travel and Tourism 132 2.50pm	Duke of Edinburgh Drop in (Y11) 2.50pm
Debate Club 218		Music Club 122 - 2.50pm 2.50pm	Art in 220 2.50pm

## Period 6 / revision – Year 11 only:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Afterschool 2.50pm-3.50pm	English Exam style questions 240	Post 16 application support 132	History Medicine Revision 146/147/125	Food Prep and Nutrition NEA 131		Food Prep and Nutrition Exam Content 203
	Art Coursework 219/220		BTEC PE Coursework support 111	Drama Unit 1 and Unit 2 129		
			Tourism Coursework catch-up 130	Art Coursework 219/220		
			Music UNIT 7: Music sequencing 122	Maths Higher 142	Maths Support 143	Maths Foundation 139
	Geography Exam revision 157	Science Revision support 232	Graphics and I-Media Coursework Support 205			
	Library Independent work	Library Independent work	Food P + N NEA Support 132	English Key Quotes and text 250		
			Library Independent work	French Exam Support 303		Library Independent work

## Teaching, learning and assessment weeks:

As you may know, we have had assessment weeks (Years 7 - 10) and mock exams (Year 11) recently. The outcomes of these assessments will be reported home in the form of a report.

- Year 9 and 10 reports will go home during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Year 7 and 8 reports will home on the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 11 report will go home on the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December

## Upcoming Parents' Evenings:

It continues to be a busy half term. We are holding several parent/carers evenings:

- **Year 9 only:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, there is a Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to speak to Curriculum Leaders to find out more about each GCSE/BTEC course on offer at KS4

- **Last year's Year 11 only:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding a celebration event to congratulate former students on their achievements
- **Year 11 only:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, a Progress Parents' Evening
- **All year groups:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, a whole school event celebration event

**And finally:**

We want to massively thank you as parents/carers. Your continued support makes our job easier.

Have a great week,

*D. Casey*

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Deputy Head Teacher