

Academy Leadership Team Message

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break. We hope you have had a restful time. As an Academy we had a busy end to the half term when we hosted the Oasis Regional Conference at Lister Park for over 1000 teachers and staff who work in Oasis schools from across the North of England. Thank you to the many students who gave up their 'day off' to come in and help and to the parents who served refreshments on the day.

This Monday we were privileged to welcome Armando, an Oasis colleague from Mozambique. As well as giving an assembly to Year 8 students, he visited RE lessons and spent some time with sixth form students talking about school life in Mozambique.

On Wednesday we welcomed our Year 7 parents in to meet their form tutors at the Pastoral Parents Evening. It was a fantastic response with over 99% of parents saying they were happy with how their child had settled in to the Academy. We are also extremely grateful to the faith leaders who have been in to school this week to work with students and staff as part of our INSPIRE work to promote world peace and commemorate the end of World War 1.

Mrs Siân Dover - Vice Principal

Breakthrough Boys Starting a Revolution

Our Breakthrough Boys became peacemakers as they embarked on a journey through time – exploring peace through different continents, cultures and protests in our very own Peace Museum here in Bradford! The only Peace Museum in the UK, with over 6,000 items in its collection.

The museum tries to tell the often untold stories of the countless number of people who have taken up the peace challenge. The boys listened with great zest and passion to stories recalling the struggles of famous peace activists such as David Hockney. They listened to the struggles of peace activists, anti-racism campaigners and educators like Brenda Thompson who fought hard in the face of great adversity.

The boys also took on the 'Peace Challenge' to locate as many of 'Bradford's Routes to Peace Heritage Trail' scattered around our wonderful city centre. The trail left us all in awe, wonder and very achy feet as we explored the beautiful untouched Bradford Cathedral, Bradford Pals Memorial, Garden For Peace, Kala Sangam and other monumental places significant to the trail. Daniyal Akram used his time at the Cathedral to write a beautiful few words to commemorate those who fought for 'our' peace:

*"Through all the destruction and devastation we still remember you.
We live in peace because of you"*



Paris Trip 2019



The Modern Foreign Languages department is running a trip to Paris on 19th to 23rd July 2019. After the huge success of the trip last year, we have decided to run another, with one extra day to allow us some exciting visits in some of the most famous Paris landmarks. We will go to Le Louvres Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, have opportunities to shop on one of the most prestigious Avenues in the world, a boat ride on the River Seine and we will finish off with an amazing full day at Disneyland Paris.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our students. The accommodation, travel and food is all included in the price of £395. There are 20 places left and the trip is now open to Year 7, 11 and Post 16.

If you are interested, you can collect a letter from Mrs Bahfir-Cooke or Mrs Chappelow. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Mrs Bahfir-Cooke

Year 11 Science Revision

Did you get your free resources from the Year 11 Exams Preparation event before half term? If not, please see your science teacher or Mrs Wilby to collect your ten minute test book and pack of knowledge organisers. These are really great, easy to use resources that will really help you improve your subject knowledge. Not long now until the mock exams—time to get busy!

A PEACE of Cake and a Cup of Cha!

Our students have been involved in preparations for an upcoming event at Bradford Cathedral to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI called INSPIRE on the 9th November. To mark this event, students from Years 7 to 9 have worked with leaders from the Hindu, Jewish and Muslim communities.

On Wednesday 31st October, Balu Lad and Shanti Lal Mistry from the Shree Hindu Temple and Community Centre, Rudi Leavor from the Bradford Synagogue and Mohammad Ibrahim from Madani Masjid in West Bowling visited the school and worked with students in a Food Technology lesson. Along with baking, students were able to ask our distinguished guests about their role in promoting PEACE in their community and across other faiths. Our students were fantastic role models and this was conveyed through the messages the visitors expressed. Mr Lad said *'It was great fun to work with the students – A very good experience sharing and caring!'*

Mr Rudi also highlighted the maturity of our students, *'They were a very pleasant group of students, who incidentally exchanged historical events between the Hebrew Bible and the Quran'*.

Mr Ibrahim added, *'It was a fascinating morning and a pleasure to be working with our future community leaders'*.



What is BD-Me?

Our *'This is BD-Me'* production took place on 17th and 18th October. This is a production in which people from different area codes in Bradford are portrayed stereotypically and study in a high school together.

The one thing the students all have in common is music. At the end, despite their differences and their diverse cultures, they all come together because of their love of music. This shows that no matter who you are or where you come from, you are unique but can come together within a community in which you all have something in common.



Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening

It was wonderful to see many of our Year 7 parents in the Academy for our Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening. The evening was a great success and the atmosphere was lovely. It was fantastic to get such positive feedback from parents regarding how well our Year 7 students have settled in with us and how happy their children are in our Academy.

Thank you to all parents and staff involved. We look forward to welcoming all parents into school again for our Academic Parents Evening later in the year.

Mrs Mackenzie-Jones - Year 7 Achievement Leader

Attendance is the Key to Success

It is very important that all students attend school on time every day. Did you know: a child who is absent for one day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.

Best tutor groups w/c 15th October:

Year 7: 7LG 98.9%

Year 8: 8NBI 98.8%

Year 9: 9KM 98.6%

Year 10: 10ERL 99%

Year 11: 11JB 97.2%

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Year 8 Poetry Day

As part of the INSPIRE project, Year 8 had the opportunity to take part in a performance by author and poet, Tony Walsh.

They learnt about Tony's life, the impact the Manchester Bombings had on his home town and family and listened to his poem *'This Is The Place'*.

Students will use the ideas discussed to write their own poem about Bradford.



Safeguarding Awareness

Firework Safety

As many of us may celebrate Bonfire Night in the coming days, please be sure to talk to your children about the dangers of playing with fireworks. Children and young people should be supervised and only watch bonfires and fireworks from a safe distance. Every year hundreds of children are injured, sometimes fatally, from playing with fireworks. Please keep your children and our community safe. For further information a useful website to visit is The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents on www.rosipa.com