

Academy Leadership Team Message

Welcome to the second edition of Lister Life. Both students and staff have had a busy, but productive, fortnight settling back into their teaching and learning priorities. Some of our highlights this fortnight include our successful Year 6 Open Evening, where we welcomed over 100 families to meet our staff and have a look around the Academy; an amazing visit by the highly acclaimed poet Tony Walsh to meet with year 8 students; and a successful careers fair where we hosted over 20 national organisations. The feedback about our students' engagement and aspirations was phenomenal. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Siân Dover, Vice Principal

Reading Together



As a school we have started a reading together initiative. Students are reading a book together in progress time until Christmas. Students in Key Stage 3 are reading *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo and students in Key stage 4 are reading *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque. The purpose of this

initiative is to have students talking about books and to increase their enjoyment of reading.

Year 6 Open Evening

Once again we had a very successful evening on Tuesday 25th September when we opened our doors to welcome parents wishing to view our Academy.

We had a great turn out of parents and also some great feedback regarding how warm, caring and welcoming we are as an Academy, which is great to hear. Departments across school put some great activities on for parents to see, which really did showcase our school. Thank you to all staff and students involved in the evening's success.

If any parents missed this opportunity and would like to see our Academy in action, please contact our main school number so that we can arrange this for you.

Mrs Mackenzie-Jones
Year 7 Achievement Leader



OPEN
EVENING

Post 16 Open Evening

Our Post 16 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 4th October at 4pm until 6pm.

In assemblies this week we have been looking at the importance of building a good reputation and the reputation of Oasis Academy Lister Park. Our reputation in the area is growing stronger; for example, did you know that:

- in the last 2 years our GCSE students have made progress faster than the national average
- last year we were in the top 12 schools of 66 in Bradford
- this year our students got grade 9s in English, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Maths and RE
- this year our Post 16 students went off to universities all round the country to study Medicine, Architecture, Business, Music and more
- our academy has become more popular and grown from 700 to 1000 pupils in the last 3 years

The Breakthrough Boys Breaking Barriers!

The 'Breakthrough Boys' initiative was successfully launched on Thursday 22nd September at Oasis Academy Lister Park. This exciting launch involved Mrs Ali's vertical tutor group – comprising of 30 higher ability boys in both Year 9 and 10. The event involved all the boys and their parents gathering and celebrating an initiative that will ultimately raise the aspirations, academic achievement and self-esteem of our high attaining young men.

The local and widely respected Imam Asim attended the event to talk about the importance of breaking barriers in academic life, alongside Umar Mahboob – who achieved outstanding results in his GCSE exams this year. Project manager of the group - Khateeb Khan aged 14 - used the words "exciting, positive and focused" in his speech delivered to parents and community members. The group meet every Monday at period 6 to work on Literacy and coaching linked to raising attainment.

This group are both one to watch and one to beat!



PE Kits

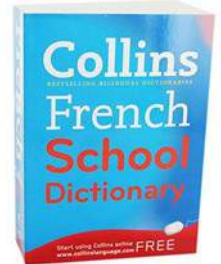
Please ensure your child has a full OALP PE kit; as this is part of the school uniform, it is expected that each student has a full kit.

- Black and red rugby top
- OALP white t-shirt
- OALP black tracksuit bottoms or black shorts
- Black and red football socks
- Trainers
- Football studs / boots

Year 7 French

Year 7 have made a great start to their new French lessons, especially some of those who haven't studied the language before who are trying really hard. A special mention goes to 7JLE who have been particularly impressive in their attitude so far.

It would be useful for students to have a French dictionary to use at home to support them in their learning, and the start of Year 7 is the perfect time to buy one. Dictionaries are available for £2 from school. Please see Mrs Chappelow in S19 with your money if you would like one.



Attendance is the Key to Success

It is very important that all students attend school every day. Missing just two days a month means a child misses out on 10% of the school year.



Best tutor groups w/c 17th September:

Year 7: 7SWH with 97.3%

Year 8: 8CD with 99%

Year 9: 9MDY with 98.9%

Year 10: 10AAZ with 97.9%

OALP Preloved Uniform Shop

Donations of any good quality, unwanted uniform items would be gratefully received!

- Blazers
- Ties (blue or red)
- Trousers (boys and girls)
- Any items of the school PE kit, including trainers

Items can be donated at any time throughout the school year!



Safeguarding Awareness

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

If you are concerned that a child is being harmed you must **not** keep these concerns to yourself. The **Bradford Safeguarding Children Board** is set up to support our safeguarding responsibilities. Please contact the following numbers if you have concerns:

During Office hours (8:30am—5:00pm) call Children's Social Care on 01274 437500. Out of office hours call social services emergency Duty Team on 01274 431010.

If you have reason to believe that a child is at **immediate risk of harm**, contact the police on **999**.