

## Academy Leadership Team Message

On Monday this week I attended the Bradford Secondary Heads meeting. One topic for discussion was the analysis of the overall GCSE results across Bradford. We are proud to share with you that of the 14 main measures we analysed, Oasis Academy Lister Park was above the Bradford schools average in 10 of these measures. As well as focussing on excellent academic progress and attainment we have been putting time in to planning all those activities which truly support and enrich our students' lives. Our performing arts department are getting ready for their big performance next week as well as preparing to perform at the National Oasis conference being held at our Academy next Friday. Our Breakthrough Boys group spent a fantastic day at the Bradford Peace Museum on Tuesday and the extra-curricular activities programme continues to offer activities such as boxing, football, basketball, games club, music sessions, library club and STEM. With all this on offer both students and staff are looking forward to a well earned October half term break. Please remember students break up on Thursday the 18th October and return on Monday the 29th October.

## Year 11 Exams Preparation Event

In light of the autumn mock exams taking place soon, we would like to invite our Year 11 students and parents to our Exams Preparation Event on Wednesday 17th October at 3pm-4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to speak to key members of staff and receive advice on how they can help at home throughout the exam period.

Students will receive their revision guides for maths, English and science, as well as some helpful resources and revision tips. We look forward to seeing you!



## STEM Club

This week our STEM club students have started to work on their FLL robot! Here they are learning about the missions they need their robot to undertake to win maximum prizes in the regional finals!

## Homework Club

Miss Herbert will be running a Homework Club in G14 after school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 2:30pm-3:30pm. All students are welcome to come and use the computers to complete homework or coursework.

This is currently running until the Christmas holidays. In the new year, club days will change due to KS4 interventions.

## Lunchtime Games Club

Miss Day is running a lunchtime club on Monday to Thursday in G18. This is a great place for students to come and socialise, while they eat their lunch and make new friends in a calm environment, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday school life.



If you wish to attend, please see Miss Day in G18.

## Careers Fair

On Thursday 27th September we held a careers fair for Years 9 to 11, in which we hosted over 20 national organisations.

Students had the opportunity to meet with potential employers, training providers and universities. OALP students got so much out of the experience and demonstrated what keen and aspirational students they are.

The feedback from the providers was superb. To quote one comment, *"I have attended many careers fairs in Bradford and I must say your students were excellent; they asked questions, showed good communication and listening skills as well as showing aspirations for their future, thank you so much for inviting us"* Northern Gas Networks.



### This is BD-Me

'This is BD-Me' is a comedy musical that has been created by the Performing Arts department at OALP. The production is an affectionate comedy satire, poking fun at the prejudices of Bradford stereotypes.

Five students of various backgrounds and BD area codes find themselves drawn together through a mutual love of music to form the school super group BD-Me. However, a mysterious new student with a shadowy past enters the scene, throwing the group dynamic into chaos! Will they be able to put their differences (and nerves) aside to pull off the performance of a lifetime?

All will be revealed in 'This is BD-Me'!

**Tickets are on sale now from student reception.**

**Adults: £3**

**Students and concessions: £2**



### Post 16 Open Evening

On Thursday 4th October, the Academy opened its doors to prospective Post 16 students for our first Post 16 open evening of the year.

We had a superb turnout with our current Year 11 students and parents, as well as external students who have heard about the excellent provision in place and the growing reputation of OALP in the local area.

Don't worry if you missed out this time, as we will be holding another Post 16 open evening in the new year!

### Year 7 Nell Bank Trips 2018

We had 3 brilliant Year 7 trips to Nell Bank again this year!

Over the three days I saw Year 7 demonstrating fantastic team building skills, as well as collaboration, communication, thinking skills, and independence—which is great! We managed to avoid the rain on all three days too! Nell Bank staff were again singing our Oasis Academy Lister Park students praises as to how polite and cooperative our students were—well done Year 7! I am really proud of you. Thank you to all of our Year 7 students and also to our fantastic Year 7 form tutors and other support staff.



### Attendance is the Key to Success

It is very important that all students attend school on time every day. A student who is ten minutes late everyday will miss 30 hours of school during the year.

#### Best tutor groups w/c 1st October:

**Year 7:** 7LG/7MND with 99.1%

**Year 8:** 8NBI with 98.1%

**Year 9:** 9LCW with 97.4%

**Year 10:** 10AAZ with 98.9%

**Year 11:** 11AM with 99%



### Safeguarding Awareness

#### [World Mental Health Day; 10th October 2018](#)

Half of all mental illness begins by the age of 14, but most cases go undetected and untreated. In terms of the burden of the disease among adolescents, depression is the third leading cause. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15-29-year-olds. Harmful use of alcohol and illicit drugs among adolescents is a major issue in many countries and can lead to risky behaviours such as unsafe sex or dangerous driving. Eating disorders are also of concern. Further information can be found on the World Health Organisation website at:

[www.who.int/mental-health/world-mental-health-day/2018](http://www.who.int/mental-health/world-mental-health-day/2018)

For further support or if you are concerned about a student please contact the Safeguarding and Counselling team at school