

# Lister Life

Issue 5 - Friday 16th November 2018

## **Academy Leadership Team Message**

As we took time out last week to remember all those that gave their lives to the First World War we were once again extremely proud of our students when they represented the school at Bradford Cathedral in a special remembrance service. You may have also seen some of our students speaking on the BBC Songs of Praise programme last Sunday along with our founder Steve Chalke.

This week our assemblies have had a focus on anti-bullying and we have been working with all students to teach them about the devastating impact that sustained unkind behaviour can have on young people. We have also spoken to the students about safety when using social media.

With only 5 weeks to go until we break up for the Christmas holidays, our Year 11 students are getting ready for their mock exams that begin the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Work hard and good luck to all.

Mrs Siân Dover - Vice Principal

## **EAL Networking Event**

On 2nd November, EAL teachers and support staff from eight secondary schools in Bradford met up at our Academy for a networking event organised by our teacher of EAL, Mrs Taylor.

The schools have come together to discuss the intake of EAL students from our city and the way in which each school is working with their New-to-English/EAL pupils.

In this session and in the next ones, that will take place half-termly, teachers will share their best practice and will support each other in a field that is both challenging, but very rewarding, with the very best interests of our NTE/EAL learners in mind.

Oasis Academy Lister Park has one of the largest numbers of EAL students in Bradford, and is very experienced in working with New-to-English. We are proud of our success stories and are happy to share them with other schools and also learn from theirs.

The next meeting of the EAL Bradford support group is in January and it will be hosted again in our Academy by the EAL dedicated team of teachers.



#### Follow Us!

Our social media accounts are now back up and running! Follow us to stay updated with what's going on in our Academy.

To find us, search @oasislisterpark on Twitter and Facebook.





#### Year 11 NCFE Exam

A huge well done to our Year 11 NCFE students for completing your 15 hour exam this week! You have approached each session with maturity and concentration, putting in 100% effort for the whole week. I am very proud of you all!

I hope families and friends will also congratulate the pupils involved for all of their hard work. Enjoy a well deserved break this weekend.

Miss Simmonds



#### **Training Day**

Please remember that Friday 30th November is a staff training day so the Academy will be closed to students.

# **Year 11 Careers Meetings**

It's time for our students in Year 11 to start thinking about their future. To help them with this, we are arranging for them to have meetings with our careers advisor. Appointment time slips will be issued to all students in due course.

#### **Remembrance Day**

Armistice Day was on 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War I ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, students were given the privilege as part of the INSPIRE project to raise awareness for peace and perform at Bradford Cathedral as part of the Centenary celebration.



#### **Year 11 Mock Exams**

Year 11 mock exams are starting in under a month. Students will be sitting three separate science exams for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. They will be Paper 1 style exam papers, which means they need to be revising all their Year 10 content. Students should see their science teacher or Mrs Wilby if they need any additional revision materials or help with revision planning.

If students require revision materials for any of their other subjects, their teachers will be able to provide this. Exam timetables will be sent out prior to the mocks starting—in the meantime, here are a few helpful tips to help you to revise:

- Small bursts of revision work best
- Repeat, repeat!
- No distractions





#### **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 5th November:

**Year 7:** 7ABI 97.3%

**Year 8:** 8TS 98%

Year 9: 9LCW 100%

Year 10: 10DO 98.9%

Year 11: 11JB 100%



## Remember, Remember the 5th of November...



Our students celebrated Bonfire Night by baking and decorating buns to look like bonfires with wood. All our students in Key Stage 3 enjoyed these sessions as it gave them the opportunity to work together as a team, as well as having fun whilst cooking!

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# **Safeguarding Awareness**

White Ribbon Campaign – Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

25th November 2018 is White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon UK was founded in 2005 with a mission to **end male violence** against women once and for all.

Violence against anyone is unacceptable in society and White Ribbon works with men and boys to challenge those male cultures that lead to harassment, abuse and violence. Oasis Academy Lister Park supports the work that White Ribbon does; NEVER commit, excuse or stay silent about male violence towards women. For further information or support please visit their website at www.whiteribbon.org.uk