

# OALP Newsletter

## Winter 2018 Edition

### Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, carers and members of our wider community.

2018 has been another successful year for the Academy with another significant improvement in exam results at Year 11 and 13, resulting in record numbers of students securing a place at sixth form, college, apprenticeships or university.

In addition to this success our new Year 7 have made a wonderful start to their life at secondary school and I am so proud of how they have managed the transition from their primary school to Oasis Academy Lister Park.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas, I hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends, but for all of us, this period is a great opportunity to step back from the daily routine of work and for children school, recharge our batteries and make plans and resolutions for 2019.

These resolutions could be about long term ambitions and dreams for ourselves to work towards but also day to day traits and the Oasis 9 habits offer a really good guide for how we all might become better versions of ourselves.

Thank you once again for everyone's support. You are a wonderful community to serve, and I look forward to seeing all the students back with new hopes and dreams for 2019 on Monday 7th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mr Simpson**  
**Principal**



**The Academy will reopen to all students on Monday 7th January. Please ensure your child arrives in class for 8:25am.**

# Year 7

What a great start! We are so proud of our Year 7 students, who have settled in really well during their first term with us. They have experienced so much in such a short space of time, including our Nell Bank Trips, INSPIRE workshops, Restorative Practise Ambassador Training sessions, Pastoral Parents Evening and their first formal Assessment, to name but a few.

Year 7 are also in the lead with the best Year Group Attendance so far this year - well done Year 7! Please keep trying hard. Wishing you a safe, peaceful and relaxing break with your family. Merry christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2019!

Mrs Mackenzie-Jones

Year 7 Achievement Leader

## GCSE and A-Level Urdu

Oasis Academy Lister Park continues to develop our students for life after their education at GCSE and Post 16.

As part of their Urdu GCSE and A-Level studies, students in Year 11 and Post 16 took part in a workshop organised by Manchester Metropolitan University. The session was an essential part of developing our students' confidence in writing a research essay in Year 13 and developing speaking skills in preparation for the May GCSE Urdu exam for our Year 11 students.

The session in November allowed students to watch a film and then participate in a feedback workshop, led by the Languages Lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University.

After the event, our students were then treated to a traditional meal. The owner of the restaurant was very impressed with the mature attitude of our students and commented on their excellent etiquette during the meal. Both Mrs Bibi and Mr Musaib felt that our students upheld all 9 Oasis Academy Lister Park habits during the visit. Students continue to work to the best of their ability in Urdu and the MFL department are very proud of their attitude.



# Breakthrough Boys

The 'Breakthrough Boys' initiative was successfully launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Oasis Academy Lister Park. This exciting launch involved Mrs Ali's vertical tutor group – comprising of 30 higher ability boys in 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.

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



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"*



# This is BD-Me

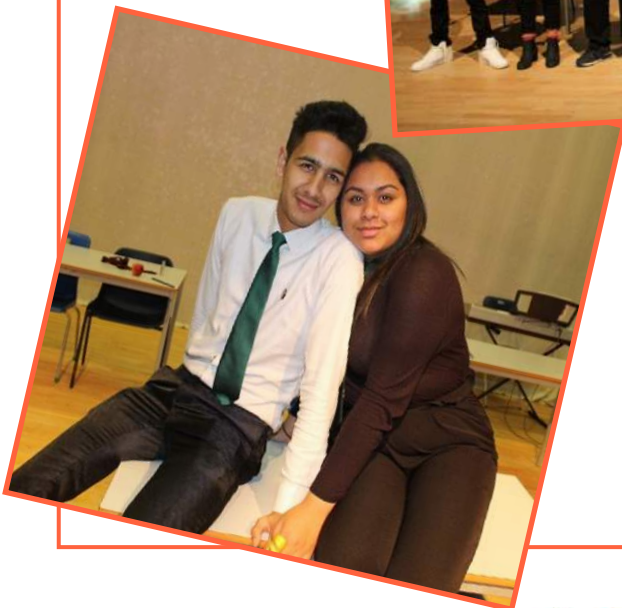
Our 'This is BD-Me' performances took place on 17th and 18th October. 'This is BD-Me' is a production created by our Performing Arts department in which people from different area codes in Bradford are portrayed stereotypically and study in a high school together. The one thing they all have in common is music and although they are very different people, they come together with music.



Within the production there is a mystery guy (Alex) who causes complications within the group and unfolds secrets which cause issues and conflicts. BD-Me comes in union because of their passion for music, which symbolises peace and harmony. It is some kind of test that they all need to get through.

At the end, despite their differences and their diverse cultures, they all come together because of their passion for music. This portrays 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.

Our production was a huge success and we'd like to thank all of those who attended for supporting our students.



# BD⚡me

# STEM at OALP

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and maths. STEM is a really big deal at OALP! Last week our students attended the award ceremony to collect the 'Excellence in STEM' award at the National Science and Media Museum. We are one of three schools selected from West Yorkshire and the first inner city school to receive the award too! The award is a celebration of all we have achieved in one year in STEM.



On Wednesday 12th December our students took part in FIRST LEGO League, an international engineering competition against other schools.

One of the tasks involved building and coding a robot to complete missions against other robots. Our robot was called 'Mendelev', based on the scientist who we owe our modern periodic table to!

We named it Mendelev as we used a chemical structure for the main project, 'capturing space junk using structures made from diamene' (a stronger version of graphene). Graphene is a giant covalent structure made up of carbon bonded to 3 other carbons to form rings of hexagons.

This competition allowed our students to develop leadership, time management and communication skills, as well as experiencing informatics and engineering linking physics and chemistry disciplines first hand.

## STEM Awards

### Influential Girls in STEM

Tamanna Begum

### Outstanding STEM Ambassadors

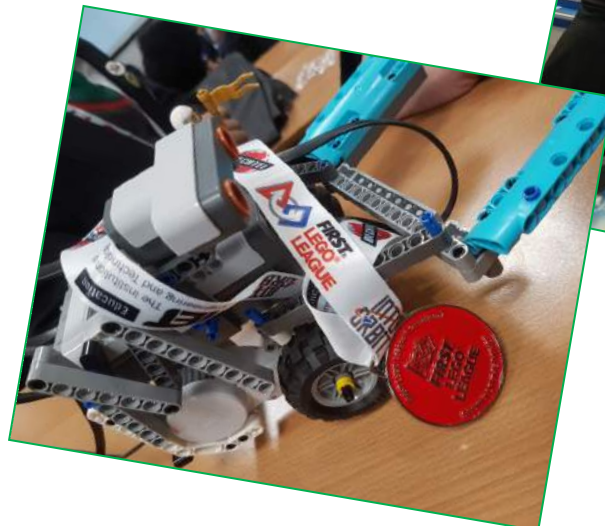
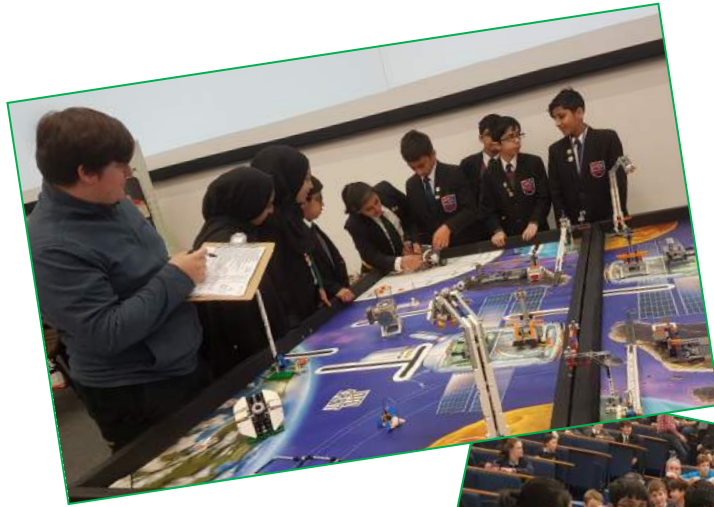
- Hamza Aziz
- Mohammed Burhaan
- Zak Betraoui
- Atyab Mohammed
- Maimoona Habib

### STEM Ambassadors: Innovators

- Qais Ali
- Saifur Rahman
- Sajida Akhtar
- Ithsham Ali

### STEM Ambassador Leader

- Joanna Djedje



# EAL Networking



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.



**"A MAGICAL, COLOURFUL TEMPEST  
FROM A WONDERFUL CAST"**

**The Tempest by Oasis Academy Lister Park  
The Studio, Alhambra Theatre  
21st November 2018  
Appraised by Tori Burgess**

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Oasis Academy Lister Park for your fantastic production of The Tempest as part of the 2018 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant night of theatre and I'd like to highlight just a few elements that really stood out.

What I really like about your company is the way you throw yourselves into drama projects. You impressed me in your company workshop; demonstrating a passion for performing and even wanting to share an extract from another project at the end of the session.

I thought your Tempest was brave, bold and exciting. I love how fearless you were with your characterisations and how they stamped your own personalities into each character. I know that actors had total responsibility for their own costumes and I think everyone looked absolutely brilliant.

We also had technical students and a student director all of whom worked extremely hard - true professionals. A huge well done to them and a big thank you for your hard work.

This was a magical, colourful Tempest from a wonderful cast.

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes courage, resilience, and imagination. You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

I hope to see Oasis Academy Lister Park in the Festival again next year!

**Tori Burgess**



# A Peace of Cake and a Cup of Cha!

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

On 31<sup>st</sup> 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'*.



## 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 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.



*Let us pray and let us hope for the wellbeing of ourselves and each other.  
Let us be joyful and humble and allow us to spend our time with passion and happiness.  
Let us be compassionate and considerate towards those around us.  
Allow us to be patient and forgiving when needed.  
Let us be self-controlled with our thoughts and actions.  
Let us share love, hope and optimism for our present and future.  
Let us be family.  
Let us be Oasis.  
Ameen, Om shanti om shanti om shanti, Amen.*

By Taslima Begum



# Budding Writers

We are proud to announce that 12 students in Year 9 have had a book of their work published and bound. They have written some fantastic poetry and created some very dramatic art work around the theme of identity. They worked alongside students at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley, planning and collaborating with enthusiasm and maturity. This was sometimes a challenge, especially working with new people and having the confidence to discuss and negotiate. However, strong links and friendships have been made and the students from both schools have been struck by how much they have in common, even though they come from completely different communities and cultural backgrounds.

Here are just two examples of some of the great writing produced over the course of the Linking Project:

## Bullying

*What's wrong with bullies, why are they so mean?*

*They abuse our lives just to cause a scene.*

*The boy is just defenceless, he is all alone.*

*He can't tell anyone the bully snatched his phone.*

*'Who shall I tell?' he contemplated.*

*He then had an idea, he felt elated.*

*He got up and ran, he finally felt strong.*

*'I'll tell my parents, what could go wrong?'*

*He told them the story, they both felt hurt,*

*But they'd already noticed his ripped shirt.*

*They both said, 'Don't worry, it's all over.*

*It's about time life had a major turnover.'*

*He went into school the very next day,*

*And discovered the bully's anger had gone astray.*

*'I am very sorry for everything I've done.*

*I never meant to upset you. It was just for fun.'*

*He looked and smiled, said 'I forgive you.'*

*A victim of bullying just needs to push through.*

## School

*The wooden panels towered up to the ceiling, held together by the strength of the iron nails hammered within them.*

*Doors opened and closed, letting in students, and saying goodbye to them. The bell's constant ring disappeared, but stayed in the ears of its hearers like an unwanted memory.*

*Teachers waited in their classrooms, readying the lesson set out before them. Out the door, the familiar sound of feet slapping against the floor stretched across to the teacher.*

*He turned his neck, sat up and came to stand, snatching the chalk from below the board.*

Well done, Year 9!

Mrs Hackett





# Song Release by ERON!

Tears by ERON is an electronic composition composed by Erik Ondič (Year 11), a talented young musician here at Oasis Academy Lister Park.

*"Music has been a part of me since childhood. It has helped me develop new skills, meet new people and explore the different aspects of music. Music is also important to me as it has made me become the young talented person I am today."* - Erik Ondič

This shows that with inspiration, dedication and motivation, anything can be achieved. Tears was released under the label Outertone on 6th December 2018; listen to this and be sure to support our skillful, motivated young student.

Out now on YouTube, iTunes, Spotify and Soundcloud! Be sure to check it out!



## Natural Born Leaders

On Sunday 2nd December, fifteen of our Post 16 students received their awards for the Natural Born Leaders programme with West Yorkshire Police at MyLahore restaurant in Leeds.

The award recognises the leadership skills our students possess and the Head of West Yorkshire police stated that *"these students are a credit to the Academy"*. We are very proud of them all—a huge well done to all involved!



# National Citizen Service - Year 11

National Citizen Service (NCS) is an external company who provide Year 11 with the chance to take part in a variety of events over the summer.



This experience involves 3-4 weeks of adventure, discovery, social action and celebration for the cost of just £50. It is a fantastic opportunity to get outside, make new friends and discover talents you never knew you had!

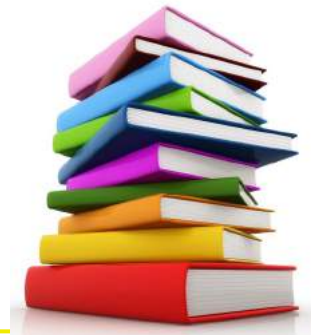
Applications are being accepted now - students can apply online or pass completed applications to Mrs Knipe.

The NCS team will also be attending the Year 11 Parents Evening on Wednesday 23rd January to answer any questions you may have. Please visit [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk) for more information.

## Accelerated Reader

A massive congratulations to 7y/Ac1 who have won a pizza party for reading an amazing 2,583,522 words since September and 8x/Ac1 who have also won a pizza party for reading a massive 5,877,084 in their Accelerated Reader lessons.

Some students also received certificates and goody bags after being nominated by their teachers for their amazing effort in their Accelerated reader lessons. Well done and keep up the amazing reading!



## GCSE Science Revision

Calling all GCSE scientists! Here is a new webpage created by Miss Ashfaq specifically to support you with your GCSE science exams.

It has all the resources you need to learn the key facts for the GCSE science. Use the quizzes to learn the knowledge organisers and then do the exam questions we've given you!

You can even download the documents to your phone. It's learning on the move! No excuses now...get revising!

<https://sciencerevisionoalp.wordpress.com>



# Coming up in 2019...

## Paris 2019 Trip

Preparations are underway for the school trip to Paris in July 2019. The trip is now full with a mix of students from Years 7 to 12. We are all looking forward to the visit!

For those who are going on the trip, a reminder of the full payment schedule is below. Please try to ensure that you meet these payments or contact Mrs Bahfir-Cooke as soon as possible if there are any issues.

Further information will follow in the new year!

Payments (non-refundable)	Amount due	Date due	Total paid so far
Part balance	£50	1st Jan	£210
Part balance	£50	1st Feb	£260
Part balance	£50	1st Mar	£310
Part balance	£50	1st Apr	£360
Final balance	£35	1st May	£395



## Talent Show

Our Year 10 students have organised a Talent Show which will take place on Thursday 31st January at 6pm to 8pm. Tickets will be available in the new year!



## Certificate Evening

Our Certificate Evening will take place on Thursday 17th January. Invitations will be sent out to our current and former students to invite them to collect their GCSE or A-Level certificates at our special ceremony—please return the RSVP slip on the invitation to confirm attendance. Food and drinks will be provided.



## PARENTS AND OPEN EVENINGS

**Thursday 10th January** - Post 16 Open Evening

**Thursday 17th January** - Certificate Evening

**Wednesday 23rd January** - Year 11 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 29th January** - Year 10 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 27th February** - Year 8 Parents and Options Evening



# Extracurricular Activities

## Music Department

If you are interested in joining any of our music clubs, please speak to Mrs Brown, Mr Orchard, Miss Day or Mr Illingworth.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Clubs</b>	<b>Guitars and Bass</b> (S14) <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Practice</b> (S13)	<b>Music Production</b> (S14) <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Practice</b> (S13)	<b>Vocals</b> (S14) <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Practice</b> (S13)	<b>Production and Showcase Group</b> (S14) <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Practice</b> (S13)	<b>Drums</b> (S14) <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Practice</b> (S13)
<b>After School</b> <b>2:30pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>Instrument Practice</b> (S13) <b>Production and Showcase Group</b> (Drama Room) <b>BTEC Intervention/Support</b> (S14)	<b>Music Production/Studio</b> (S13)	<b>Vocal Group</b> (S13)	<b>Band Workshop</b> (S13) <b>Production and Showcase Group</b> (Drama Room)	



# PE Department

Our sports clubs provide a great opportunity to spend time with your friends, enhance your skills or meet new friends. If you are interested in joining any of our clubs, please speak to your PE teacher.

Our after school clubs will run from 2:30pm until around 3:45pm.

## Lunchtime PE Clubs

We also run lunchtime sports clubs which are open to all students from every year group.

### Basketball Club

Every lunchtime in the Sports Hall.

### Kickboxing Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime in the Drama Studio.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Sports Hall</b>	<b>Basketball</b> All years  Boys			<b>Trampolining</b> All years  Girls	
<b>Sports Hall</b>	<b>Badminton</b> All years  All students	<b>Football</b> All years  All students	<b>Football</b> Year 8 & 9  Boys	<b>Basketball</b> All years  Girls	<b>Boxing</b> All years  All students
<b>Field / Yard / Assembly Hall</b>			<b>Football</b> Year 7  All students		<b>Football</b> Year 9 & 10  Boys
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Level 2 &amp; 3 BTEC Sport</b> Year 11 & 12 (S02)		<b>Level 2 BTEC Sport &amp; H&amp;SC</b> Year 10 (S21)	<b>Level 2 BTEC Sport</b> Year 11 (S02)	



# Other news...

If your personal details change, such as your address or telephone number, please notify the Academy immediately on 01274 362050

## Attendance

It is important that your child attends the Academy everyday - here are our tutor groups with the best attendance this term.

**Year 7:** 7LG

**Year 8:** 8NBI

**Year 9:** 9LCW

**Year 10:** 10IFL

**Year 11:** 11JB



## Follow us!

Our social media pages are up and running! Search for @OasisListerPark on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with all the exciting events taking place at Oasis Academy Lister Park.

**@oasislisterpark**



## Breakfast Club

All students are welcome to attend our breakfast club! Food is completely free of charge and the club runs everyday in the new canteen from 7:45am to 8:15am.



## 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!

## The Hub Stationery Shop



Our stationery shop is now up and running at student reception on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at break time.

Item	Cost	Notes
Biro pen	25p	Black, blue, red, green colour choices
Pencil	20p	Staedtler pencils. High quality. Suitable for a variety of uses (HB)
Eraser	20p	Full sized soft eraser
Pencil sharpener	15p	Metal (single hole)
Ruler (30cm)	20p	Shatterproof clear plastic
Ruler (15cm)	10p	Shatterproof clear plastic
Notebooks	£1	Lined paper (A4)
Coloured pencils	£2.00	
Calculator	£8.00	Scientific
Coloured paper	5p per sheet	(A4 size) Assorted colours (red, orange, blue, green, yellow)



## Compassionate

**'To be compassionate and kind whilst acting justly.'**

Compassion is the ability and willingness to place ourselves in the position of another and, as a result, be able to show kindness to them, without ignoring or dismissing the truth about their situation.

## Patient

**'To be patient and persevering.'**

Patience is the ability not just to tolerate delay or something not happening as quickly as we might have hoped for. It is also about the way we wait and the attitude we adopt as we do so, delaying immediate gratification and being prepared to keep going for the long haul; not giving up when things don't work out but finding ways to develop work that is sustainable and grow relationships steadily. As we grow patience we gain a long-term perspective.

## Humble

**'To be honouring of others through serving with humility.'**

To be humble is to recognise that all people are created equal and are therefore of equal value. Because of this, a humble person will not laud it over others or use power to coerce, or pursue position and status but instead will choose to serve others, seeing their intrinsic worth and giving them honour and encouragement.

## Joyful

**'To be joyful and positive and help others to be the same.'**

Real joy is not shallow or momentary but is rooted in a deep sense of contentment with life, free from grasping and striving. Such joy brings peace and calm to ourselves and others. It is liberating and life giving and builds resistance in our lives and the hearts we are a part of.

## Honest

**'To be honest and have integrity.'**

Honesty is about being truthful. Being honest includes acknowledging when we have got things wrong and taking responsibility for our actions. As we do this, we become a person of integrity – there is an alignment between what we say we are and how we behave.

## Hopeful

**'To be hopeful in seeking transformation.'**

Hope is not wishful thinking. It is a belief that causes us to find the light when everything around us feels hard or dark or challenging or without hope. Someone once said that 'you have to kick at darkness until it bleeds daylight.' So hope is about holding on and working for a better tomorrow, despite what the conditions and circumstances say today.

## Considerate

**'To choose to love others like you love yourself.'**

To be considerate is to see the intrinsic worth in others, to choose to care about them and treat them in the way that you would yourself. That is only truly possible when we understand our own self-worth and function from that place and belief. When we do this it changes the way we see, treat and respond to others.

## Forgiving

**'To be forgiving and committed to healthy relationships.'**

To forgive another is to choose not to allow their actions and behaviour in the past, which may have hurt or offended us, to determine our behaviour towards them in the future. Forgiveness is never easy but it is always transforming....it always changes things.

## Self-controlled

**'To be self-controlled.'**

Self-control is having the ability to manage our own emotions and actions. When we have self-control we are not controlled by our own emotions but are able to maintain a right perspective on our life, our work and our relationships. It is a key part of emotional intelligence.

**The Academy will reopen on Monday 7th  
January 2019 - please ensure your child is  
in class for 8:25am.**

**Have a fantastic break and see you in the  
new year!**

