



The Birley Academy  
A L.E.A.D. Academy

# Newsletter

## Head Teacher Message

It continues to be busy at The Birley Academy and the half term break is just a distant memory.

Year 11 have been taking mocks for the past two weeks. As a school we have been impressed by their commitment and with how seriously they have taken the whole process. The majority of exams will be over by Friday. We are supporting students with plenty of extra sessions, rearranged classes and revision material. If your child is in Y11 and would like help with their revision please encourage them to speak to Ms Calvert, the Y11 Progress Leader. Plenty of information will be coming out about revision resources and strategies so also keep an eye on our twitter accounts.

We have recently made two new appointments. Alistair Mann has just joined us as a School Manager and from Easter Mark Jones will be joining us as an additional Deputy Headteacher who will have responsibility for Progress and Learning. We are very excited that they are joining the team.

Finally, thank you for all your support during the recent poor weather. It is always the policy at The Birley Academy to open if we are able to do so and to try and run as normal a day as possible. I realise the enormous impact on families if we shut so it is not a decision I take lightly. Obviously, sometimes we have to make adjustments to the normal day- including on Wednesday morning giving our students hot drinks and breakfast as we waited to start our day.

I hope this newsletter gives you an idea of what we have been doing recently.

## What's Happening.....



The Birley Academy welcomed the Sheffield Hallam University, Science Technology English Math Roadshow into School on Tuesday 13 February 2018. The Roadshow is designed to give various Y8/Y9 students a preview of the different possible careers for consideration within the STEM area. This session concentrated on a mix of Bioscience and Chemistry, Health and Social Care and Nutrition.

The Birley Academy would like to thank Katie Davies and Heather Holt from Sheffield Hallam University for delivering this very informative session and giving our students some interesting future career possibilities to think about.

Katie Davies, Heather Holt, Sean Lavill



The Birley Academy has a team of 9 staff running the Sheffield Half Marathon on the 8 April 2018 to raise funds for The Children's Hospital Sheffield. The team are hard in training with about 4 weeks to go until the run. The team consists of Mr Gillett, Mr Bradley, Mr Mantle, Mr Cronin, Mr Whittaker, Miss Denman, Mr Robertshaw, Mr Edwards and Mrs Chadburn..

**Good luck to them all and, if you can, please use the link below to sponsor the team and raise money for this brilliant and local charity.**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thebirleyacademy2018>



GB Diver, Ross Haslam, visited The Birley Academy this week to help launch our Sport Relief Programme for 2018.

Ross is a Sport Relief Ambassador and took time out from his busy training schedule to speak to our students about the commitment and perseverance needed to complete at the highest level internationally. Ross also spoke about his recent success at the European Championships in 2017 where he received a Silver Medal.

Ross will represent Team GB next month at the Commonwealth Games in Australia.

The Birley Academy Sport Relief Programme will run from 17-24 March 2018. Students will have the opportunity to complete the Sport Relief Mile. Year Groups will also compete in Dodgeball and there will be "Just Dance" Competitions. All money raised will go to the Sport Relief Charity.

We would like to thank Ross for all his support. And Good Luck to all students involved during various competition.

This short story has been written by our Y9 student Isabelle Tu. The story has been entered into the BBC's 500 Word Short Story Competition.

**We would like to wish Isabelle the best of luck with her entry...**

### **The Splitting Image by Isabelle Tu Y9**

Moonlight cast a hostile silhouette of a looming gate standing at the forefront of a grimy, moss-filled tunnel: a gateway between the outside world and the unknown inside possessions of its crumbling structures; and a greyscale filter enveloped the image, light forbidden to leave by the blacked-out windows that shook violently with each timely clap of thunder.

As a small ranger car pulled up slowly, the thunder seemed to be getting harsher. With low fuel, no signal and nowhere else to stay in sight, a couple sat, uneasy, inside their vehicle, contemplating the situation. They hadn't planned on entering the mysterious building, but it seemed like their only viable option. Perhaps one night wouldn't hurt anyone.

The heavy gate was pushed open gradually with struggle and they hesitantly approached the shadowy, ominous door. Before they could knock, the door swung open, supposedly from the harsh wind. The house was visibly dark, and they scanned around for some source of life. There was none.

"Morris," the woman whisper-called, a reluctant tone, holding up the lantern close to her dainty face. "This... could be okay, right?"

A heavy sigh left his lips, "I guess, for tonight."

Morris opted to explore the house as his wife separated to find a bedroom for the night, offering a cheerful 'don't die!' to reassure him optimistically, or maybe herself.

He entered a peculiar room which piqued his interest, stumbling upon something unimaginable. It was a strange little thing, but the room was purely mirrors, no walls to be seen. He chuckled at the sight.

But he quickly noticed something wrong with the image. It seemed distorted in a way, unfamiliar. It moved with him, like any ordinary reflection. It was the splitting image of him, so what made that chill go down his spine? Raising an eyebrow, he leaned closer to inspect the glass, trying to figure it out.

That was, until he felt a strong force tugging him. No matter how hard he tried, his body wouldn't budge from the close proximity of the mirror, and his heart raced as he was trapped there. He felt himself being pulled inside, and he wanted to cry out, and voice out his fear, but nothing came out. However, the thing that really struck him before he was dragged in was that, when he looked up, he realised something.

It was no longer his reflection.

Time passed. Seconds turned to minutes, minutes turned to hours, yet still no trace of Morris. Angela had searched the entirety of the vast house, to no avail. In the bedroom, she pulled frantically at her hair, becoming increasingly more worried about her spouse. Her gaze ran around, panicked, and as her eyes fell upon the thick-framed glass, she froze, blood running cold. There, in the glass of the stained mirror, was a soulless, hallowing image of what once was her lively husband staring back at her. She screamed, a blood-curdling screech, into the depths of the night.



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On the corridors of  
The Birley Academy lurk some  
incredible artists.  
Follow amazing art produced by our  
Students and celebrate their  
successes.

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## Attendance Figure

Winning tutor group for each year for this term:

Y7 - 7G 96.8%

Y8 - 8B 96.2%

Y9 - 9H - 95.2%

Y10 - 10B - 96.1%

Y11 - 11K - 96.9%

Congratulations to 11K - Best in School  
Well Done

## Important Notices

**Parent/Carer Contact Details** - Please ensure that school has all up to date contact details: mobile phone numbers, email address etc.

22 March Y11 Subject Parents Evening 4:30 – 7:00  
28 Y11 Revision Parents Evening 5:30 - 7:00

## Dates for your Diary

## Holidays

Month	Date	Event	Time
March	2 - 9	Y11 Mock Exams	
	7	Y9 Options Evening	4:30 - 7:00
	22	Y11 Subject Parents Eve	4:30 - 7:00
	28	Y11 Revision Parents Evening	5:30 - 7:00
	30 Friday	School Closed (Good Friday)	
April	16 Monday	School Re-opens (After Easter Holidays)	
May	2	Y7 Subject Parents Evening	4:30 - 7:00
	14 May - 22 June	Y11 External Exams	
	10 (am only)	Y8/Y9 Boys and Girls catch up Injections	
June	7	10 Parents Subject Evening	4:30 - 7:00
	13	Y8 Subject parents Evening	4:30 - 7:00
	18-29	Y10 Mock Exams	
	22 Friday	Training Day 3 for staff - <b>students not in College</b>	
	25	Sports Awards	6:00 - 7:00
27	Y11 Prom – Mosborough Hall		

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)

School re-opens to students on: **Tuesday 5 September 2017**

Autumn Half Term	Mon 30 Oct	Fri 03 Nov 2017
Christmas (school finishes Fri 12:15pm)	Mon 25 Dec	Fri 05 Jan 2018
Spring Half Term	Mon 19 Feb	Fri 23 Feb 2018
Easter	Fri 30 March (Good Friday)	Fri 13 Apr 2018
May Day	Mon 07 May 2018	
Summer Half Term	Mon 28 May	Fri 01 June 2018
Summer Break (school finishes 12:15pm)	Fri 20 Jul 2018	

Training Days for staff - students not in school:

Monday 04 Sept	2017	Friday 27 October 2017
Friday 22 June	2018	

