



Newsletter

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it's been a very short half term we have been incredibly busy.

Firstly, a huge well done to our Y11 students for all the hard work that they have done for their mock examinations. We are all immensely proud of the mature and sensible approach so many of them are taking towards their work.

In addition, it has been an important half term for Y9 who have been considering their options for their subjects to take next year. It was wonderful to see so many of you and them at our options evenings and subsequent mentor appointments which showed just how much thought was being put into making these important decisions.

Of course, this half term we have had the added complications of the weather. Thank you for all the messages of support we received for trying to stay open. We realise that shutting the school creates difficulties for many families and can place pressure on other services so we do try to stay open as much as possible whilst running as normal a day as possible but appreciate that ultimately, as parents and carers, you make the decision about whether it is safe for your child to travel into school.

This newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the other activities that have been happening in the Academy this term. The sporting achievements are especially to be celebrated, congratulations to everyone who has been involved- including the fundraising for Sport Relief.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter on behalf of everyone at The Birley Academy. I hope you have a peaceful break and I look forward to seeing all our students back refreshed after the Easter holidays.

The Y10 Art students visited the Barbara Hepworth Gallery in Wakefield and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Barnsley on Friday 23 / Monday 26 March 2018.

Students studying GCSE art were given the opportunity to experience an indoor and outdoor exhibition of art and sculpture. Students took photos, produced observational drawings and took notes from the work they saw to further inform their portfolio of work and summer sculpture project.

We had a fantastic day, with comments from the galleries about the "positive behaviour and conduct" of students. Well done to all students on the visit!



What's Happening.....

CONGRATULATIONS....

Aspiring gymnast, Mya Bartram, one of our Y8 students was in competition on Sunday 25 March 2018 at Concord Sports Centre, Sheffield. Lots of different teams from the Yorkshire area where also involved in the competition.

Mya's hard work and dedication has resulted in her achieving a National Grade 2 (10th on vault, 6th on bars, 5th on beam - no falls, 8th on floor, 3rd on range & con. Placed 4th in Yorkshire overall, Mya has qualified for the Yorkshire Team at National Finals in May 2018.

Dawn Bartram, Mum, "Super proud today".

Great achievement Mya, well done and keep up the good work...

Mya Bartram Y8



Saturday 24 March 2018 - Sheffield Schools Cup Final

Meadowhead 2 - 2 Birley Academy
Naylor (30') AET Ashton (18')
Grimmer (95') HT 1 - 1 Smith (99'og)
FT 1 - 1
Birley Win 4 - 2 on penalties

The Y10 boys football team produced a magnificent display to win a thrilling Sheffield Schools Cup Final against a resolute Meadowhead side.

Darren Ashton gave Birley the lead mid-way through the first half, seizing upon a defence-splitting through ball from the excellent Travis Vintin and holding off his marker before drilling the ball across the goalkeeper and into the far corner.

The lead lasted just twelve minutes - the otherwise excellent Ty Marples-Welsh unable to keep out Louis Naylor's powerful strike from the edge of the area.

No goals in the second half led to extra time, and with five minutes remaining Meadowhead's Freddie Grimmer scored against the run of play, a well-struck shot into the bottom corner seemingly settling the tie.

But Birley, outstanding throughout, refused to give in and levelled with almost the last action of extra time, a long throw turned into his own net by Finlay Smith under pressure from Vintin.

And victory was sealed on penalties, sending players, families and teachers alike into sheer jubilation.

CONGRATULATIONS and Well Done to all involved....

Brodie Mynard Ty Marples Wells Will Fox
Darren Ashton Leyton Sawyer Luke Hall
Billy Gober Joe Porter James Woodhouse
Josh Chapman Travis Vintin Luke Hazlehurst
James Goodwin Blake Marshall Oliver McKenzie
Y10 Football Team



Student Voice

*"Come on
Birley!"*

The Y7 Boys represented Sheffield Schools Football on the 7 February 2018 in the North of England Finals accompanied by their Manager Mr Whittaker. The tournament was held in Durham and the 7 students were a pleasure to work with. They played very well and were unfortunate not to score more goals than they did. We finished 5th in North England.

This is an outstanding achievement and the players did The Birley Academy proud from start to finish.

Y7 Students: Zak Wild, Harvey Moore, George Cooper, Cole Whitham, K'Dyn Gray, Jack Walker and Kai Thomas-Prescott.

Well done to all involved.



The Birley Academy hosted the Futsal Tournament 14 - 15 February 2018. The Tournament consisted of 8 schools who visited over the two evenings.

The Y7 boys finished in 3rd place, just missing out on the City Finals. However, the Y8 boys managed to make it through to the City Finals on the 24 March 2018 at the English Institute of Sport.

All visiting staff from other schools were very complimentary about the manner of our students and how welcoming they were during this successful event.

Well done to the Y7 and Y8 Futsal Teams.



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

On line payments for lunches, trips, ties etc will no longer be by Parentpay. A letter/instruction booklet has been sent by post to all parents/carers regarding the new **SCHOOLCOMMS** system. **To enable this system to run efficiently please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses.**



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>

Dates for your Diary

Holidays

| Month | Date | Event | Time |
|-------|------------------|---|-------------|
| 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 - students not in College | |
| | 25 | Sports Awards | 6:00 - 7:00 |
| | 27 | Y11 Prom – Mosborough Hall | |
| July | 9 - 20 | Work Experience | |
| | 9 | Y6 Parents Information Evening | 6:00 - 7:00 |
| | 9 - 13 | Y6 Transition | |
| | 19 | Sports Day | |
| | 20 Friday | College Closes for Summer | |

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)

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

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| 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:

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

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