



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

Newsletter

What's happening....

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parent and Carers,

It's hard to believe that it's exam time here at The Birley Academy, the year has gone so quickly. Our Y11 students are a real credit to themselves and are all busy revising and taking up the offer of all the extra sessions put on by staff; between breakfast clubs, after school sessions, Saturday and Sunday school there is hardly a time when we do not have students in.

In other news, we have been as busy as ever with our students repeatedly showing why we are so rightly proud of them for their enthusiasm, participation and tenacity; from residential visits to theatre trips; field work expeditions to dance performances our students make the most of every opportunity.

We hope they and you, their parents and carers, who support them and us here at The Birley Academy, have a relaxing half term break.

William Travis, Charlie Foxall



Maddison Booth, one of our Y9 students, is a member of a dance group called Rise Unbroken. Formerly known as Dark Cloud the group consists of 11 members, all female, ranging from 9-25. The group have danced together for about 6 years with members changing over the years. They have previously been World Champions and belong to the dance school Dancedaze.

One of the crew members, Hollie Booth, Maddison's cousin and duo partner, was tragically caught up in the Manchester terror attack last May and was left with life changing injuries. Hollie cannot walk unaided, so the rest of the crew decided they would get her back dancing by also dancing with wheelchairs, and the rest is history.

The girls auditioned for Britain's Got Talent in Manchester in February and got "4 yeses" they are now anxiously waiting to hear if they have made the live semi-finals. If they are lucky enough to get through to the "lives" they are being aired on 28/29/30/31 of May and 01 June 2018. The girls would love as much support and votes as possible. We would like to congratulate all involved at Rise Unbroken for getting this far and to wish them all the very best of luck in getting to the semi-finals.

WELL DONE GIRLS!



Rise Unbroken



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Math's Challenge 2018

On 1st February 2018, over 250000 students across the country took part in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. This is a very challenging test which requires mathematical thinking and problem solving skills. At Birley, 3 students achieved a gold certificate, 11 silver and 25 bronze.

Two of our Birley students, Will Travis Y11 and Charlie Foxall Y9, finished in the top 5% and were invited to take part in the International Kangaroo Challenge.

Well done to all those who participated and were awarded certificates in the gold, silver and bronze categories.

Congratulations to Will Travis Y11 and Charlie Foxall Y9.

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Message received from a member of the public (19 4 2018)

Tuesday 17 April 2018 - Y10 students on Geography Field Trip

During a tram journey into town on the above date three of our Y10 Birley female students were travelling on the tram into town as part of the Geography Field Trip.

Christine Davies, a member of the general public, was a passenger on the tram and wanted to let Birley know that the three girls she sat with during her journey into town for work were a wonderful breath of fresh air. At no point did the girls have mobile phones out, heads down concentrating on what was on the screen, but instead were holding a wonderful conversation quietly between themselves about Hendersons Relish amongst other things, and though Mrs Davies was not eaves dropping or included completely in the conversation, she felt she needed to let the school know that these students were "great ambassadors" for The Birley Academy. "The young ladies conducted themselves in a very mature manner and it is very refreshing to know that they have not lost the art of conversation. It was a pleasure to travel in their company".



Y10 Geography Fieldwork Trips – W/C 16 April 2018

As part of their GCSE Geography Course, five classes of Y10 students visited different sites in Sheffield City Centre including The Moor, Fargate, West Street, Division Street and Fitzalan Square. The aim of the fieldwork is to study the human and physical environment investigating spatial variations in retail provision across Sheffield. The trips proved to be very informative and gave the students the opportunity to gain important information to use as part of their course.

Students were accompanied by: Miss Calvert, Mr Townsend, Mr Robertshaw and Mrs Willans.

Kingswood Educational Activity Centre - Friday 11 - Sunday 13 May 2018

On the above date a group of 59 Yr 7/8 students attended a two night residential weekend to Kingswood Activity Centre, Penistone. The aim of the residential is to give students an insight into their own abilities and self-confidence in their achievements both individually and as part of a team. Students were offered a challenging programme of activities including: buggy build, zip-wire, bouldering, 3G swing, archery, laser, problem solving, nightline, campfire and disco. PHEW!

A BIG thank you to all those staff who accompanied our students over the course of the residential: Miss Calvert, Miss Thomas, Mr Whittaker, Mr Grantham, Miss Middleton, Miss Deakin, Miss Evans.

Georgie Wyr Y7 "Kingswood activities gave me the chance to conquer my fears. Enjoyed the 3G Swing the most. Mr Grantham had a go too and he screamed!"

Alex White Y7 "My favourite activity was the Zip Wire, really smooth and fast".



Kingswood Activities

Zip-wire
Nightline
Bouldering



The Merchant of Venice
Shakespeare's Globe London - Tuesday 15 May 2018

English students attended a performance of the Merchant of Venice at the Globe Theatre London. As students study this Shakespeare play for English Literature GCSE, this was an invaluable opportunity to see the written text in performance.

After a few hiccups! during the journey, the visit proved to be a very informative experience for those involved. Thanks to Mr Edwards, Mr Jones, Miss Taylor and Mrs Willans for accompanying students.



Attendance Figure

Winning tutor group for each year to date:

Whole School	93.6%	
Y7	93.4%	
Y8	93.2%	
Y9	93.4%	
Y10	94.1%	
Y11	93.7%	
Best Form 10D	96.4%	Congratulations!

Y10 Prom Points Winner:
 Robyn Ford 10C - 10 prom points
 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.

Dates for your Diary

Holidays

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)

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

June	7	Y 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	

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	

July	9 - 20	Work Experience	
	9	Y6 Parents Information Evening	6:00 - 7:00
	W/C 9	Y6 Transition	
	18	Summer Show	5.00 - 7.00
	19	Sports Day	
	20 Friday	College Closes for Summer	

Training Days for staff - students not in school:
Monday 04 Sept 2017 **Friday 27 October 2017**
Friday 22 June 2018

