

The Principal's Message

It is that time of year when we are busy arranging intervention and revision for our Year 11 students as their GCSE examinations get closer. Late Mondays is running again for students to stay behind from 4.30pm to 6.00pm to revise and have subject support, and a variety of lunchtime and after school interventions are taking place. We are running another set of mock exams in core subjects during week beginning 4th March, to give students more exam experience. Now is the time to really support your child, encourage them to take up all offers of help and attend every day.

Last week we held another wellbeing week. The media came along to speak to us about Children's Mental Health Week and our partnership with Space2 — this gave us an opportunity to share our mental health provision and support on BBC Radio Leeds.

If you are eligible, could I ask you to apply for free school meals as the Academy will also get extra funding to help your child. Details on how to apply are shown below.

Last but not least, Connor Wood, one of our Teaching Assistants competed in the British Athletics Indoor Championships 2019, Men's 200 metres on Sunday 10th February and came first, with a personal best of 20.94. Congratulations Connor, another BYA British champion with a fabulous medal to prove it.

May I wish you all a safe and happy February break and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 25th February.

Paul Cooper
Principal

British Champion

Connor Wood—British Athletics
Indoor Men's 200 metres Champion 2019
and Teaching Assistant at BYA



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 15th February 2019: Academy closes
Monday 25th February 2019: Academy reopens
4th-12th March 2019: Year 11 Mock Exams,
Tuesday 12th March 2019 4.30pm-7.00pm: Year 10
Parents' Consultation Evening
13th-15th March 2019: Year 11 DT Exams
18th-19th March 2019: Year 11 Practical Food Exams
Monday 25th March 2019 at 5.30pm: Parent Council
Meeting
25th-26th March 2019: GCSE Photography Exam
27th-28th March 2019: GCSE Art Exam
29th March 2019: Academy closes for Easter holidays



Free School Meals Are you entitled?

Save up to £450 per child per year by taking up the Free School Meal offer. Some families are entitled to Free School Meals. Once registered, your child's dinner card would be topped up automatically each day.

Totally private, totally automated.

Even if you do not wish to use the Free School Meal, being registered allows the school to access more funding per student.

To find out if you are eligible and for advice on how to claim please

call **0113 222 4404** or visit

www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/free-school-meals

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

100% Attendance March

Prizes:

All students with 100% Attendance in March will receive 25 Positives and be entered into a raffle for a chance to win:

1 x £50 Amazon Voucher	10 x Queue Jump for a Week
4 x £20 Amazon Vouchers	5x Early lunch for a week
6 x £5 Amazon Vouchers	10 x VIP Brunch Passes

Strong attendance helps you to learn, thrive and succeed.

Be here

Every day

All day

All the way



Thomas Transition Programme



In January, Year 11 students visited Leeds University as part of the Thomas Transition Programme. This programme aims to support students in the lead up to their examinations and beyond. The students took part in useful workshops on interview skills, revision strategies and stress management. They toured the University to find out more about what university study and life can be like.

Business Enterprise Challenge at BYA

In January, 45 year 10 business students took part in an Enterprise Challenge led by Michael Harvey from Business in the Community. In teams, students competed against each other to make the most profit, with a view to entering a national competition. Students were supported by mentors from Virgin Trains, Unilever, Enterprise Car Rental and learned about employment opportunities and looking at future career options. Well done to Bradley Sharpe, Joe Foley and Chloe Hawkins Bradshaw who won the competition on the day.

Young Citizen of the Year



Congratulations to Lanre (Year 11) on receiving his Young Citizen of the Year Award from the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Leeds.

The Principal's Award

Congratulations to these students who have been brilliant and received a Principal's Award:

PE: Elise Stride, Ellie Traynor, Czareyna Castino

English: Kalkidan Teshome

Maths: Emily Baxendale

History: Malak Moussa, Janiela Pedro, Liam White, Tia Sergienko, Nicole Chideya, Anas Bin Faisal, Rhea Bentley, Mason Spencer, Cheryl Foudji, Alfie Wilson, Callum Jones, Riane Naughton, Shadia Nassuna, Oghenemarien Odjadjare, Jake Pollard, Abigail Howlett

Geography: Jenny Wong, Angel Nwankwo, Mohammed Uzair

Cadets: Jade Berry

New Kit Sponsorship



Massive thank you from staff and students to Gary at Plumbcall for sponsoring our new BYA football kit.

Prayer for Half Term

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend time with our family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian during these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen