

The Principal's Message

As we come to the end of another academic year and pause for reflection, I am amazed at the unprecedented challenges we have all had to deal with and how we have come together as a community to support each other.

Firstly, my thoughts are with those members of our community who have lost loved ones to this pandemic and those who have suffered or continue to suffer because of it.

I would also like to thank you for the role you have played in home schooling your children and for your ongoing support.

We have followed Government advice, closing our school when appropriate, arranging hub provision for children of our keyworkers and vulnerable students, seamlessly re-opening to our Year 10s and planning for whole school reopening in September. All these changes have taken a lot of planning and consideration to keep our students and staff safe and I thank my Senior Leadership Team for their support with this.

We have planned for our Year 11 leavers to come into school on 20th August to receive their centre assessed grades and we are so looking forward to seeing them again.

For re-admission plans for other year groups, see Dates for Your Diary. We have followed Local Authority guidance for a phased reopening to ensure that students can return safely and take part in an induction programme which clarifies the new way of being in school to keep everyone safe.

As always, at the heart of everything that we do is the wellbeing of our staff and students. During the pandemic we have made almost 6000 points of contact, including welfare phone calls, arranging vouchers and deliveries of food parcels and work packs. We have also distributed food and other community donations to our families in most need. We have completed nearly 2000 home visits and provided face visors and PPE to local care homes. A huge thank you to our staff who have made this possible.

So, on that note, I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and safe Summer holiday, whatever you are doing, and we look forward to getting back to the new normal in September.

Paul Cooper
Principal

The Principal's Gold Star Award

Congratulations to these students who have been brilliant and received a Principal's Gold Star for being awarded 1000 achievement points in the 2019/20 academic year

Joshua Dixon, Ely Cathedral
Mantas Vasylius, Ripon Cathedral
Kevin Calin, Ripon Cathedral
Chloe Hepworth, Canterbury Cathedral
Darian Tebo, Canterbury Cathedral
Isaac Jordan-Norris, Canterbury Cathedral
Andrew Muvuyo, Ely Cathedral
Lilia Bentley, Canterbury Cathedral
Matthew Dyson, Ely Cathedral
Joshua Haigh, Ely Cathedral
Alfie Wilson, Ripon Cathedral
Heather Lightowler, Canterbury Cathedral
Kian Pearce, Durham Cathedral
Oliver Jackson, Durham Cathedral
Ruby Wainwright, Canterbury Cathedral
Dec Upton, Canterbury Cathedral
Hudson Pease, Gloucester Cathedral
Molly Halligan, Ely Cathedral
Liam White, Winchester Cathedral
Abigail Howlett, Durham Cathedral
Charlie Taylor-Good, Ely Cathedral
Nour Amera, Ely Cathedral
Lozy Abonimana, Gloucester Cathedral

Well done to these students, we are so proud of you. You have also excelled during remote learning. Let's make the list even longer next year.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 20th August:: Yr11 Results Day 8.30am-10.30am
Monday 7th September: INSET Day - school closed to students
Tuesday 8th Sept: New Yr7 Intake 10.00am-2.30pm
Weds 9th Sept: Yr7 joined by Yr10/11 8.20am-3pm
Thurs 10th Sept: Yr7/10/11 joined by Yr8 8.20am-3pm
Friday 11th Sept:: All year groups in school 8.20am-3pm
Weds 30th Sept: KS3 Moving on Evening
Saturday 3rd October: Open Day
Friday 9th October: Whole school photographs
Weds 14th October: KS4 Moving on Evening
Friday 23rd October: School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November: School reopens

Staff Goodbyes

Some of our staff are leaving us this week and have not had the opportunity to say goodbye to their students, so this is a chance for them to do so. Such is the culture at BYA that although we are sad to be losing these colleagues, they are moving into promoted positions in other schools. We congratulate them as they move on in their careers, thank them for all the hard work and commitment they have shown to the BYA community and we wish them well.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the students, families and staff who have made the last 4 years at Bishop Young so amazing. The students at BYA are phenomenal and I shall miss working with them. I particularly want to say goodbye to the awesome students in 10En3 this year—having taught many of you since Year 7 it is particularly hard to say goodbye to you! I can't wait to hear about all future successes of the students and the school. Good luck and keep making us #proud! Lots of Love, Mrs T xx



The last three years at BYA have been absolutely amazing. I have seen the school develop and grow into the most improved school in Leeds, and I am proud to have contributed to this. Under the strong leadership of Mr Cooper and Miss Cole the school has become a caring and wonderful place to work. I have never in my years of teaching met such open and wonderful students, they have made my time here so rewarding and I will miss you all!

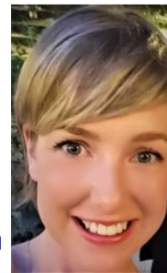


Miss Murphy

In my 12 years of teaching I can honestly say that my experience at BYA has been by far the best. The students that come here are full of unique character and I am so proud to have been able to be a part of what BYA has become. I will always keep in touch with BYA and look forward to hearing how well the students, especially my Business students, are getting on. Keep up all the amazing work and progress that you are making and I hope to see you all again soon. Miss Major



Thank you to all the students at BYA who have made it a great place to work for the past 3 years. I have loved working here as part of the maths team and will miss everyone very much. Miss Gee



Thank you to pupils, parents and staff for making my time at Bishop Young so enjoyable. This school is truly one of a kind and I have learned so much from you all! Miss Fotherby



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BYA Games

Keep Active



As sports day was cancelled this year, we have launched a BYA games cathedral challenge for students and staff. This will be open over Summer and will continue within PE lessons in September. There are five different activities to complete. If you wish to join in, visit the website below, click on the activity you have completed, and enter your name and cathedral and time/distance. All results will be collated and bronze, silver and gold awards will be presented for each activity to staff and students, together with overall cathedral winner. For more information visit: www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk/the-bya-games



Over the summer holidays it is important that you keep active. Exercise is not only good for your physical health but also for your mental health and wellbeing. Why not try a new sport or activity? We look forward to having you back in PE lessons and after school activities in September.