

## Message from Executive Principal and Head of School

Already we are at the end of our first half term in what can only be described as a very different school environment, with all our year groups in separate 'bubbles' on different corridors, and teachers moving around to classrooms rather than students. Our students have been absolutely brilliant in the way they have adapted to this new normal and we are extremely proud of them.

All the hard work which was put into our risk assessment, and plans to keep everyone safe, have been worthwhile and we are delighted that we have only had one positive case of Covid19 in the student body. Given the number of infections in Leeds and the anticipated second wave, this is amazing and we are thankful for it.

We have welcomed our new Year 7 students who have settled into Academy life and their new way of learning, and made new friends. They have provided some quotes overleaf, to share with you how they feel about coming to 'their' Academy, I hope you enjoy them. We look forward to our new Head of Year 7, Mr Strongman, joining us in November.

We would like to thank all our parents and students for their understanding and support. We continue to adhere to government guidance and make plans in the event that we must return to remote learning. Moving forward we will use Microsoft Teams to access remote learning and all students have been shown how to do this.

We would like to wish all our families a safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy on 2nd November.

Paul Cooper  
Executive Principal

Rachael Cole  
Head of School

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Over half term, parents only need to inform us of Covid19 cases where your child was in school 2 days prior or up to 10 days after they had symptoms or a positive test result.

To report a positive case please email:  
info@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk

## Praise Points

**Congratulations to these students who have been brilliant and received the most number of praise points so far this year, keep up the good work.**

**Heather L, Year 9, 331 points**

**Sumit N, Year 7, 259 points**

**Luqman H, Year 7, 251 points**

**Kumba M, Year 7, 234 points**

**Princela O, Year 10, 194 points**

## Introducing our Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Dante and Stacy (pictured below) on their appointment as Head Boy and Head Girl 2020-21. They are joined by their deputies: Craig and Toyin



Dante said it was a 'once in a lifetime opportunity', Stacy was speechless! Craig said his mum had cried when he told her, and Toyin was completely overwhelmed. We are confident that they will carry out their duties in an exemplary manner, and lead the Senior Student Leadership Team throughout their term of office.

## Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 23 October:** Academy closes for half term

**Monday 16 November:** Year 11 Mock exams start

**Monday 30 November:** INSET day—closed to students

**Tuesday 1 December:** Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening which will now take place by telephone appointments—further details to follow

**Wednesday 9 December:** Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening which will now take place by telephone appointments—further details to follow

**Thursday 17 December:** Students break up for Xmas

**Friday 18 December:** INSET day—closed to students

**Monday 4 January:** Academy reopens to students

## Welcome to our Magnificent Year 7s

*So far I have really enjoyed school, I have made new friends to hang out with. My favourite thing I have done so far is football in P.E. I have also had a great time in form as all my questions get answered. Thank you for the warm welcome. Kai*

My experience at Bishop Young has been good and I like that we get homework every day because it makes sure I always have something to do when I get home. I also like the planners and that we can be organised. My favourite subject is maths because if you know lots of maths then you could have any job you want. Runa

Although I have only been in Bishop Young for a short time, I have had a really nice experience. It's been a nice few weeks, my favourite lessons so far are maths and art. Thank you so much for this experience. Habeeba

So far I am doing great and enjoying school because of meeting new friends and the teachers being really kind to all of the new students. My favourite subject is drama, I really enjoy doing drama and finding out new things about theatres, how many theatres are out there and the names of the different drama theatres. I really enjoy coming to school because when you arrive the school is very welcoming and meeting new people and new teachers is one of the best things in this school. Ryan

My experience at Bishop Young has been amazing the past few weeks, I was wanting to come back to school since we missed so much learning. I really loved when we had our PSHE lesson and we learnt how to juggle, it was hard at first but I learnt a new skill at the end of it. I have a good interest in drama, it is my favourite subject, it helps me stop being shy and open up to new things. Bishop Young is a good school to come to because it helps me. Aimee

At BYA I have learned how to juggle on Monday and I made lots of friends. I finally got to see my best friend again, I hadn't seen her since lockdown, I missed her so much. My favourite lesson is art because I love drawing and I'm trying to get better. I also love PE as I want to get more active. Tia

School has been great and I have made many new friends. My favourite subject is maths because we get a lot of hard questions and I feel like that challenges us. The assemblies we have had have impacted on me a lot. This school has welcomed me very much and I feel comfortable. It was scary at first but I am happy at BYA. Natalie

## 100% Attendance Club

At Bishop Young Academy we are celebrating the students with a faultless attendance record by establishing the **100% Attendance Club**.

This prestigious club is for those who maintain 100% attendance throughout the academic year. These students will be given a host of rewards and experiences in recognition of the perseverance and resilience it takes to maintain 100% attendance to school. There is also a Super Draw for 2 Apple AirPods each half term. 100% attenders will also receive a 100% lapel badge. Congratulations to all our winners so far this term, here are some of them:

**Matthew D, Runa S, Jean David DK, Lilia B, Liam W, Carookh R, Shauna M, Ryan S, Holly B and Wisdom O**

To give as many students as possible the opportunity to become members of the 100% Attendance Club, we are offering an "Autumn Reset". All students with 100% Attendance from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October will be given membership of the club from the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

***Got to be in it to win it!***



## Safeguarding Award

**We are proud to announce that Bishop Young Academy has been awarded the Safeguarding Initiative Award in recognition for the exceptional safeguarding initiatives they have taken during Covid19 to keep children and young people safe.**