

## The Principal's Message

As I write this message, our Year 11 students are hard at work sitting their English Literature GCSE exam. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this challenging time, a time which we all remember in our own education. The way the students have conducted themselves during the exam process has been excellent. We wish them good luck and look forward to seeing them on results day on 23rd August to celebrate their achievements.

This half term we have been delighted to welcome the Rt Rev Paul Slater, Bishop of Richmond, on a visit to the Academy as well as Tessa Mason, our Chair of Governors' Advisory Board.

We have held our first BYA Awards Evening to celebrate the successes of our students, (see the photographs alongside). It was a great evening and a pleasure to meet lots of parents.

May I wish you a fun filled, sunny and safe Spring Bank holiday and I look forward to seeing our students back in the Academy on Monday 4th June.

**Paul Cooper, Principal**

## Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 25th May 2018:** Academy closes for half term

**Monday, 4th June 2018:** Academy re-opens

**Monday, 11th June 2018 5.30-6.30pm:** Parent Council

**Wednesday, 13th June 2018 1.00pm:** Year 11 Stand Down

**Friday, 15th June 2018 11.10am-12.30pm:** Year 11

Leaving Service

**Thursday, 28th June 2018:** New Year 7 Taster Day

**Tuesday 3rd July 2018 4.30-6.30pm:** Year 9 Parents'

Consultation Evening - **Please note changed date**

**Thursday 5th July 2018 7.00pm-11.00pm:** Year 11

Prom—Thorpe Park Hotel

**Wednesday-Friday, 11th-13th July 2018:** Year 7 and 8

Bushcraft Residential

**Wednesday, 18th July 2018:** Sports Day at John Charles

Centre for Sport

**Thursday 19th July 2018:** Student Reward Trip to

Lightwater Valley

**Friday, 20th July 2018 at 1.00pm:** The Academy closes

for the Summer holidays.

## Our First BYA Awards Evening

On 15th May we held our first BYA Awards Evening. It was a fantastic celebration of our students' achievements. Thank you to Mr Williams and Mr Pratt for organising the event. Here are some of the winners.



Efe receiving the Principal's Award from Paul Cooper.



Emily receiving the Bishop Young Award from Paul Cooper



Abigail receiving the Ripon Cathedral Award from Lewis Pratt (Cathedral Leader)



Mary-Kate receiving the Cathedral Pair Award from Keith Williams (Achievement Director for Student Development)



## Congratulations to all the BYA Award Winners

Congratulations to these students who all received subject and/or cathedral awards for their outstanding attitude to learning and behaviour: Efeoghene Odjadjare, Emily Baxendale, Jake Sanderson, Kacie Lee Holdsworth, Tia Sergienko, Connor Prince, William Hubbard, Ben Routh, Ellie Jones, Bisal Asad, Lily Edwards, Youser Alsayah, Lanre Adeleye, Lady Ansah, Paula Madej, Emanuelle Zagbayou, Chloe Laurenson, Leandro Correia, Xena Bailey, Samantha Obafaiye, Michaela Davenport, Bradley Oakes, Nigel Chideya, Mary-Kate Myers, Katie Elvidge, Dante Skeet, Cameron Craig, Yared Dereje, Abigail Shaw, Jordan Warren, Mohammed Alhamoud, Rhea Bentley, Mason Wall, Tiandra McDonald, Mia Oddy, Rocky-Osei Acheampong, Estera Stirbinskaite, Dominic Bottomley, Wai Yi Wan, Nicole Chideya, Shuayle Nassor, Jasmine Rubain, Megan Pounder, Helder Sane, Steven Musiwa, Zachary Packham, Kirsten Hocker, Anas Bin Fasial, Jenny Wong and Ella Rowland

## The Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme

These students took part in The Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme. They began their project in January with a visit to The University of Sheffield where they were introduced to student life at university and spoke to university staff and students. They also took part in a study skills session and had a tour of the University. They finished this day by meeting with their PhD tutor who introduced their project and next steps in the programme.



The Brilliant Club students met each week, sometimes after school, with their PhD tutor, who supported them to produce a 2000 word research assignment on the topic of whether plants can be used as a sustainable fuel source. The students worked extremely hard on their assignment and all submitted them by the deadline. They were then invited to The University of Leeds for their Graduation Event and received their well earned certificates. Emanuelle deserves a special mention as she was awarded the highest university classification of a First for her outstanding work.

Thanks to Mr Tully for making this project possible. We are all extremely proud of these BYA

students for engaging and persevering with this challenging project, and dedicating time above and beyond the normal school day to produce some fantastic work.

Well done to Lanre, Emanuelle, Louise, Ellie, Alisha, Tsian and Ben (pictured from left to right) and Yousah (who is not in the photo).

## Future Easter Holidays

Leeds City Council is consulting parents about preferences for future timings of school holidays at Easter. If you wish to have your say on this topic please complete the online form at [www.leeds.gov.uk/easterholidayconsultation](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/easterholidayconsultation) or request a paper copy from the academy.

**Closing date 8th June 2018.**

## School Buses 2018/19

We have been asked by the Education Transport Team to bring this information to your attention if you wish your child to use the school bus from September 2018 or if you have a child joining Year 7 who will wish to use the school bus. Parents are required to complete an online renewal form if they wish for their child to continue to use the school bus services for the next academic year. Year 7 starters in September should complete a new application form. The closing date for these applications is strictly June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. The online forms can be found on [generationm.co.uk](http://generationm.co.uk) The Education Transport team will also be sending out reminders using the [@metrogenm Twitter feed](#) and details can be found on the schools transport website at [www.generationm.co.uk](http://www.generationm.co.uk).



## BYA Affirmations

During the Easter holidays our site staff installed this artwork in the main reception area. These phrases, which we call our Affirmations, are taken from the Bible and are messages from God to mankind about how precious we are as His greatest creation. We believe that these messages are important for children to hear growing up whether they are Christian, raised in another faith or of no particular faith. Whoever you are, hearing these messages helps you to flourish as a young person. We are using these Affirmations as a foundation for Collective Worship, assemblies, PSHCE and pastoral support in the academy. If you would like to learn more about the Christian life of the academy we will be launching a new area on our website in June which will help you to explore what we do and better understand what it means to be a Christian academy.



## St George's Crypt Visit

As you already know, we were involved at Christmas in supporting St George's Crypt. A group of BYA students visited the Crypt last week and Ella reported:

Our trip to St George's Crypt was a joyful experience. The vicar of St George's Church founded the charity in the 1930s as he wanted a safe place for the homeless to sleep. When the Crypt first opened it was a dusty and gloomy environment full of vaults and coffins where people had been buried.

St George's Crypt is open 24 hours every day of the year and survives on donations, which include food and clothing. The Crypt has up to 40-50 beds available at any time. They also offer free haircuts and have nurses and an optician onsite where people can have their eyes tested and can have a free pair of glasses.

Throughout the week they have craft and art groups and cooking classes where people can go to feel more involved, as this helps with their self-confidence. St George's also has 2 cafés and 2 charity shops in Leeds. I believe that we should continue to donate to the Crypt because they share the same values as our academy as we are a Church of England academy and believe and support Christian views, as does St George's Crypt.



## Solutions 4 The Planet



Harry and Stefan took part in the Regional Finals of the Solutions 4 The Planet.

They presented on sustainable, green electricity production. They were runners up in the competition, received a commendation and a Bronze Crest Award. Well done boys.

## Meet our new Chaplain

My name is Sarah and I'm the new Chaplain here at Bishop Young Academy.

I've just finished my degree in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion at the University of Leeds.

I was inspired by my experiences of chaplaincies whilst in high school, sixth form and university and I can't wait to inspire young minds, to help them to explore their passions and to provide pupils with support as they journey through high school.

Part of what my job includes as chaplain is looking after the faith aspects of the school. However, as a chaplain I am also available for pastoral support, to help set up new clubs and societies (religious, social justice focused, or anything else students feel ought to be a society) and to generally be a smiley face and a listening ear around the academy.



and, Finally



A huge thanks to the Garry Chappelow Memorial Fund and Design School Uniform for sponsoring our boys and girls rugby teams with new kit, as shown here. The Year 9/10 girls rugby team played in the Regional tournament representing Leeds, having beaten Temple Moor, Cockburn and Corpus Christi. The girls lost 1 game out of 3 and drew 2 but played well on a very hot day.



## GDPR—New Regulations

As you may be aware, the new regulations under the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679 (“GDPR”) are coming into force on 25 May 2018. This brings new responsibilities for the Academy on how we use and store information about your child. For information on how we collect, store and use the personal data that you provide, please refer to our ‘Privacy Notice for Students’ and our ‘Privacy Notice for Parents/Carers’ which are available on our website at [www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk](http://www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk) or on request from the academy office.

As part of our preparations for the new regulations, you will have recently received a letter from the Principal regarding the Taking and Using of Photographs in the Academy. We really value using images of our students to celebrate and showcase their successes and we would like your consent to continue to do so; as such we would really appreciate it if you could return the letter to us as soon as possible and allow us to use images of your child in this way. If you’re not happy for us to do so, that’s no problem, we will accommodate your preferences.

We will also be getting in touch after the half-term break to update you on how we intend to keep you informed of all extra-curricular activities, events and other aspects of Academy life that may include the use of external providers.

As part of GDPR, we will post a copy of the Newsletter on our website for you to view if you choose. Students will also be given a copy to bring home if they choose.

## FREE training for young people from East Leeds!

“Chapel FM—it’s a place to try new things” Rebekah

### Radio Drama

Thursdays 5-7pm 07 June-03 Aug Age 11-18

Come and join our weekly Theatre group to help devise and record a radio drama, to be aired as part of our LIVE Summer Broadcast.

Starting with a full day workshop on Thurs 31 May 11am-3pm

