

The Principal's Message

We have been very busy this half term arranging intervention and revision for our Year 11 students, as their GCSE exams loom closer. We are now on a countdown and it is 108 days until the start of the exams. Year 11 students can stay behind from 4.30pm to 6.00pm for 'Late Mondays' to revise and have subject support available. We will set a series of mock exams w/b 26th February in core subjects of English, maths, science and RS, to give students more exam experience.

I have been networking with community groups such as Seacroft Friends and Neighbours, the Boggart Hill Core Group, Chapel FM, LS14 Trust and more recently becoming involved with Active Leeds to link in with groups offering more activities for our students. We hope to offer more opportunities to link in with community projects.

This term we have launched our 95+% attendance challenge and more rewards for good attendance. There are new inter-form competitions and the form with the highest attendance each week has brunch with me each Wednesday, and each student gets a queue jump ticket for the restaurant. Students with 100% attendance and no lates each week receive praise points which they can exchange for a variety of rewards, such as queue jumps, game passes and tickets for the end of term prize draw for a £50 Trinity voucher. We have a pop up shop each half term for students to exchange points for rewards. Please check your child's planner for their attendance record and if you have any concerns contact your cathedral leader.

May I wish you a safe and happy February break.

Paul Cooper, Principal

Attendance Brunch



What does my attendance % mean?

Attendance %age	Days absent by end of Autumn Term	Days absent by end of Spring Term	Days absent by end of school year
100%	0	0	0
95%	4	7	10
90%	7	13	20
85%	11	20	30
80%	14	27	40

Attendance/Attainment Link

% Attendance	% Chance of getting 5 Grade 4 or above
95% or above	75%
90-94%	60%
88% or below	27%

What does all this mean?

- ◆ 1 in 5 pupils miss 17 days a year—they will drop at least one GCSE grade
- ◆ Having 1-4 GCSE grades can increase wages by 17%
- ◆ Having 5 or more GCSE A*-C grades can increase wages by 41%

The Principal's Award

The Principal's Award was presented to the following students:

Geography: Aaron Logue

History: Angie Dube, Natasha Topham, Jaydeane Buxton

English: Youser Alsayah, Xena Bailey, Natasha Craven, Aseel Abdelmageed, Blessing Chidziva

Dance: Jack Stainsby, Gilda de Oliveria Coelho, Jaydeane Buxton, Elle Bailey, Bella Johnson, Amber McDonagh, Morgan Pringle, Inesa Vikniute

Religious Studies: McCauley Shackleton, Casadie Hughes, Stevie Ferguson, Leianna Zubrzycki, Bethany Harte, Ellie Batley, Anas Bin Faisal, Tia Sergienko, Shauna Mugondo, Eliana Mason, Callum McDonagh, Mackenna Stevenson, Holly Barnie

Reflection

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Traditionally, the Palm Crosses from the previous year are burned to ash and these ashes are used to mark a cross on our foreheads.

Christians wear these ashes for the rest of the day as a sign of their humble repentance of their sins. For the next 40 days, they will fast for Lent in order to demonstrate their spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday is all about asking forgiveness for what we have done, truly repenting and then being absolved.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now and let us settle the matter” says the Lord. “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”



Wednesday 14th February



Year 7s visit Leeds Minster



Our Year 7 students were given the fantastic opportunity this month to visit Leeds Minster for a day of personal discovery. They practised ways to seek God's support in various parts of their lives such as forgiveness, mindfulness, self-reflection and remembering others.



The sky's the limit for BYA students



In November, four cadets from the RAF Section of our Combined Cadet Force took to the sky in a two seater Tutor aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse. Again, in March, junior cadets will be undertaking basic flying and airfield orientation and Ben, Senior RAF Cadet, will experience some aerobatics, weather permitting. Also, congratulations to Simon Gumn, progress leader for STEM, who undertook his Officer Initial Training in January and received the Queen's Commission. He is now Pilot Officer S W Gumn RAF VR(R).



Cadet Recruitment

The cadet recruitment process for this year begins in May for Year 8 students, who should see 2Lt Williams or PO Gumn to register your interest. Students will then spend an afternoon at the Grammar School at Leeds sampling activities. If applications are accepted a recruit weekend will take place in October. After this students select either army or RAF.

Leeds Rhinos Women's U19s Academy Selections



Congratulations to two students who left us in July last year: Paige Webster and Jess Crockford have been selected for the first Leeds Rhinos Women's U19s Academy. They were part of the BYA girls' rugby team which won 'The War of the Roses' last year. Jess now attends Leeds City College studying media and make up and also works part-time in Crossgates. Paige is waiting to hear whether she has secured employment with an insurance company. Both girls train weekly with Leeds Rhinos and can't wait for their first fixture. Well done girls and good luck from all at BYA.

Football Success



BYA Year 9 played away at Lawnswood Academy which resulted in a 2-7 victory to BYA. Man of the match: joint Benjamin and Harry. Well done lads.

Netball Club

Girls Netball Club
Wednesday
Lunchtime
All years welcome!

Bishop Young
Sport & PE

Bring your trainers!

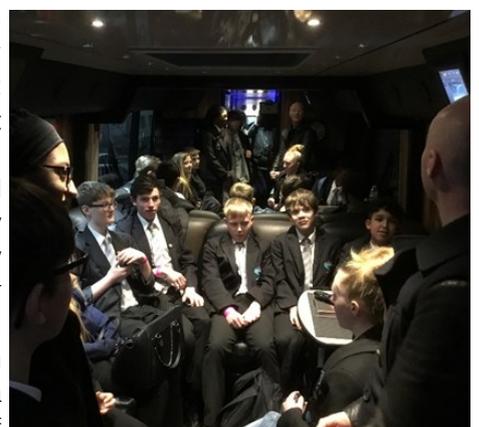
Fixtures will be organised soon!

Year 10 Visit to the O2 Academy

Year 10 BTEC music students were invited to the UK Music Industry Careers event at Leeds O2 Academy last month. They arrived a bit early and as they waited, the real live tour bus pulled up and they were asked to help unload it



and look round it before anyone else. Only when they had helped out did they find out that they had helped the tour manager for Muse, Glen Rowe. He then took them on a backstage tour of the O2 Academy. The students had the chance to learn how to use lighting and sound desks and had a great time. When they found out the pay for music industry touring careers, they all wanted to follow this path.





**February
from 11am**

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Family Activity Day at Chapel FM

As part of World Community Arts Day celebrations, we are offering a full day of activities for all the family:

Age 2-5 / Free

11.30am - 12.30pm: Sing. Move. Play.

A music and movement session to wake up the body, voice and imagination ready for the creative day ahead.

2.30pm - 3.30pm: Musical Story Hour

Blast Off with us to the moon on a singing and musical adventure meeting aliens and dancing around stars.

11 - 4pm: Craft Activities in the Big Hall

Badge making, mask making, drawing, colouring and sticking.



Age 5-11 / Free

1 - 2pm: Speedy Theatre

A high speed introduction to acting and drama...

11 - 4pm: Radio Broadcast

Come and be interviewed or be the interviewer! Play your favourite tunes, and learn how to run the studio...

11 - 4pm: Craft Activities in the Big Hall

Badge making, mask making, drawing, colouring, sticking, baking and photography.



Age 12+

7:30pm: Seaside Terror

Odd Doll Puppetry take you on a trip to the seaside for some fun frights and ice-cream chills. Not for the faint-hearted.

Tickets £8 & £4. Check website for more details. **E** Event Booking.



Refreshments available throughout the day & light healthy snacks for the little ones.

Chapel FM is a beautiful Arts Centre created from the old Methodist Chapel near the Village Green in Seacroft, 5 minutes walk from Tesco's.

For more information contact Centre Manager Fuzzy Jones on 0113 22 55 944 or email info@chapelfm.co.uk



Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 19th February 2018: Academy re-opens

Monday, 26th February to Friday 2nd March 2018:

Year 11 Mock exams in English, maths, science and RS

Thursday, 8th March 2018 5.00pm-8.00pm: Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday, 15th March, 2018: Year 9 visit to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum

Tuesday, 27th March 2018: GCSE Art Exam

Wednesday, 28th March 2018: GCSE Art Exam

Thursday, 29th March 2018: Academy breaks up for Easter holidays

Monday, 16th April 2018: Academy re-opens

For advance notice:

Tuesday, 24th April 2018 5.00pm-8.00pm: Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening