

### Message from the Head of School

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a Chaplain who will provide pastoral care to both students and staff. Reverend Stuart Gregg joins the academy on 5th June 2017 and will be seen in and around the community after this date.



### Easter Service

Students and staff attended St John's Church, Bowling on Friday, 7th April 2017 for an Easter Service.



### Artist in Residence

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 had the opportunity during recent weeks to work with a professional artist to develop their creativity. The artist, Shaeron Caton-Rose, spent one day working with each teaching group using the theme of 'a walk in the woods' to help inspire pupils.



Different groups of pupils learnt to use different media, processes and techniques including marbling, lino-printing, mosaic production, working with charcoal, observational drawing, lumiere photography and sculpture. Once pupils had finished producing their artwork the artist curated some of the work to create an exhibition in one of the academy art rooms. The room now feels very much like a walk in the woods!

### Sports Update

The athletics team competed in the West Yorkshire round of the English Schools Track and Field Cup. Students from Year 7 and Year 8 competed against other schools and for most of them it was the first time they had competed on a full size track and some had never even tried some of the field events. All the students competed in two events throughout the day and put in outstanding effort when competing and showed good sportsmanship whilst competing and watching other events.

Stand out performances came from the boys team by Jakub Hebda who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500m, Iyinoluwa Ogunoye who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the High Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m and Tyreece Taylor who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m.

### Term Dates

A reminder of the holiday dates for this term are:

#### Spring Bank Holiday

Close Friday, 26th May 2017, reopening Monday, 5th June 2017.

Closed Friday, 14th July 2017 for staff training

#### Summer Holiday

Close Friday, 21st July, reopening on Tuesday, 5th September 2017 (new Year 7 students only). All other year groups will return on Wednesday, 6th September 2017.

Full details of our term dates for 2017/2018 can be found on our website

(<http://www.bradfordforsteracademy.co.uk/parent-carer/term-dates/>)

### **Enrichment Timetable**

Details of the clubs on offer this term are detailed below. Most Clubs run from 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm except where stated and will finish at 4.00 pm.

Monday: Football, Rounders, STEM and Junior Librarians Clubs (4.00 pm finish)

Tuesday: Flair with Flowers/Plants, Kickboxing and Book Clubs (4.00 pm finish)

Wednesday: Athletics, Computing & Code-breakers and Creative Writing Clubs (4.00 pm finish)

Thursday: Chess, Football and Pokémon Clubs

### **Exam Revision Sessions**

As you may be aware GCSEs are changing quite significantly. Two parent information sessions were held on Tuesday, 23rd May and parents were provided with an overview of how students current learning is important for their exams. Both sessions were well attended. A letter explaining in more detail the exams that Year 7 and Year 8 students will be taking in June will be sent out to all parents before half term.



### **Year 5 Open Evening**

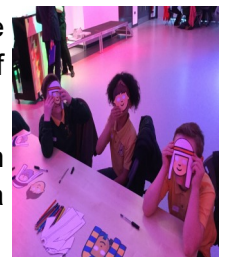
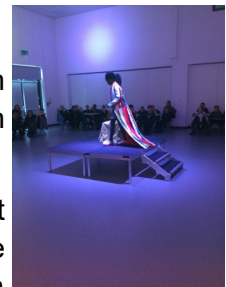
On Thursday, 18th May we held an open evening for year 5 students and their parents. Over 100 people attended who are considering Bradford Forster Academy to be their first choice of secondary school for their child. If you missed this event and would like a Prospectus, please call the academy office on 01274 302400.

### **Transition**

We were delighted that Year 5 from St John's primary school came to join us on Friday, 12th May for a Joseph day!

59 pupils spent the day learning about Joseph and what messages it has for people today. We interspersed the learning with songs from Joseph the musical. All of the staff were very impressed with the quality of singing!

After a fantastic lunch, we completed team building events in the school hall. It was a really enjoyable, fun day.



### **Christian Values**

This half term we have focussed in Collective Worship on the aftermath of the Easter story focussing on looking forward to new life and new beginnings. Recently we had our new school Chaplain, Stuart, deliver a great collective worship on the theme of Jesus' ascension; it was interesting to hear him talk about how Jesus' disciples would have felt when he left and how much belief/faith they had in him. We also said prayers for those involved in the Manchester attack and we continue to think and pray for those who are still coming to terms with these horrible events. Sixteen students have volunteered to be part of the PULSE group in school; they will be working on projects relating to Collective Worship, Thought for the Week and Charity Work in school.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus

Thank you that you never give up on us.

Help us to grow into the kind of people who are steady, like you.

Thank you for bringing us to the Father.

Help us to become the kind of people who give others a new confidence in you.



Amen