

The Principal's Message

As I celebrate the anniversary of my first year as Principal at BYA, I have reflected on the huge progress that we have made in such a short space of time. We have a full staff complement and attendance, behaviour and student progress have all improved significantly. I am very proud of my SLT, staff and students for working hard to achieve this.

In enrichment activities, some of our Year 8 students took part in the Rotary Technology Tournament and some of our CCF cadets went flying from RAF Linton-on-Ouse. All very exciting events.

Last week was a busy fund-raising week for Sports Relief. Students took part in a 12 hour Rowathon and were really enthusiastic to the end as the clock ticked down. I took a soaking in the 'Sponge a Teacher' Event and the week culminated in the first ever non-uniform day at BYA, which was a huge success.

There seem to be quite a few 'firsts' for us and moving forward now we are planning our first BYA Awards Night in May to celebrate student success and to reward many of our young people who consistently work hard.

I would like to wish all our students, parents and colleagues a peaceful and restful Easter holiday at this very Holy time of year.

Paul Cooper, Principal

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th April 2018: School Reopens

Thursday 19th April 2018 from 12.15pm-3.00pm:

Yr11 visit to Abbey Grange 6th form

Tuesday 24th April 2018 from 5.00pm-8.00pm:

Yr7 Parents' Consultation Evening

Monday 7th May 2018: Bank Holiday school closed

Monday 14th May 2018: Start of GCSE exams

Tuesday 15th May 2018 6.00pm-7.30pm:

BYA Awards Night (by invitation)

Friday 25th May 2018: School closes for Spring Bank

Musical Primary Event



Bishop Young Academy welcomed White Laith, Beechwood, Cross Gates and Grange Farm Primary Schools to take part in a celebration concert showcasing their musical talents on the Ukulele, Samba Drums, Keyboards and their Voices. Over the last four weeks the Primary schools have been developing their musical skills with teachers from Leeds Art Forms and our very own Mr Steels as part of the Bishop Young Outreach Academy. Together they performed songs such as "See You Again" by Charlie Puth and "Songbird" by Oasis as a monster band of over 100 pupils to an audience of their parents, family and friends. Everyone had a great time.

The Principal's Award

The Principal's Award has been presented to the following students for outstanding work and contributions in lessons:

English: Paula Madej, Atiya Alfie

History: James Waddington, Caitlin Haigh, Tiandra McDonald, Nicole Chideya

Positive Behaviour: Quevin Correia, Benjamin Boadi, Harry Archeampong, Zachary Packham and Kane Preston.

Go Higher Certificate: Lily Edwards, Kieran Morrell, Lanre Adeleye, Emanuelle Zagbayou, Ben Routh, Sadiya Mohammed, Taylor Sergienko

Rotary Technology Tournament



BYA Year 8 students took part in the Rotary Technology Tournament at South Leeds Stadium this month. Their task was to build a crane and lift a weight to remove toxic waste. Here Nathan, Jenny, Josh and Molly are hard at work showing their skills and perseverance. Budding engineers!

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 30th 2018. The online forms can be found on generationm.co.uk

The Education Transport team will also be sending out reminders using the [@metrogenm Twitter feed](https://twitter.com/metrogenm) and details can be found on the schools transport website at www.generationm.co.uk.

Year 10 Visit to First Direct



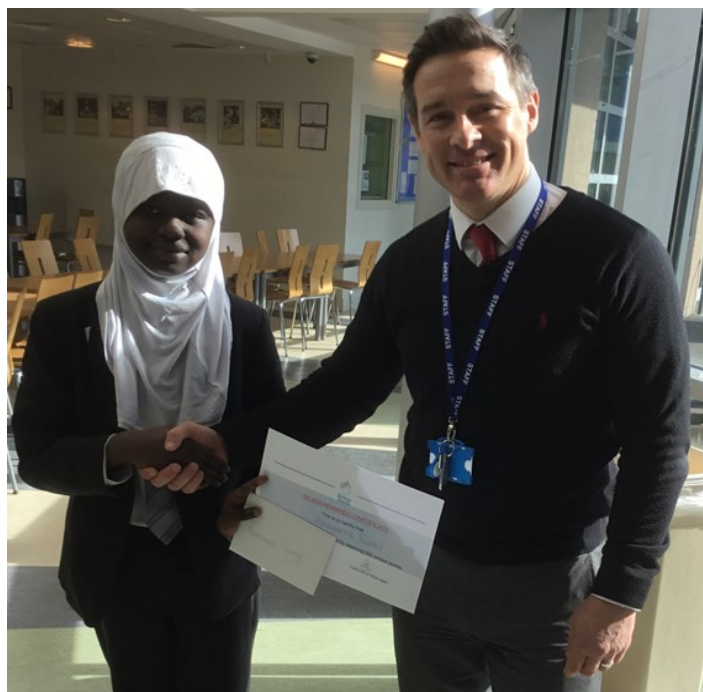
Year 10 students took part in a fantastic business in focus day at the First Direct offices. Two teams competed against each other to debate whether the global games should be held in Chicago or Madrid. Each team was awarded points for completing their job roles, how they marketed their brands and a final presentation to a panel on why their country should hold the games. It was a close call with team Chicago pipping Madrid at the post in the final battle! Well done to all who took part—it was great to see your confidence and team spirits rise through the day.

100% Attendance Winners

Students with 100% attendance during the February half term and Easter half term were entered into a prize draw. These students were randomly selected from each Cathedral and won a £50 Trinity Voucher

Canterbury: Efeoghene Odjadjare & Stevie Ferguson
Durham: Alfie Atyia & Lewis Ellwood
Ely: Brogan Haigh & Aiden Ripley-Isaacs
Gloucester: Wesley Wembi & Fatoumatta Touray
Ripon: Holly Barnie & Abbie Bruce
Winchester: Mohammed Uzir & Connor Prince

Fatoumatta is pictured here with Mr Cooper receiving her reward.



Well done and keep attending school every day



John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

Easter is a time of joyous celebration for every Christian community after the spiritual "spring cleaning" which has been completed during Lent. We come together to praise "Jesus, the Risen Lord" and his sacrifice on the cross. With Jesus' death and resurrection, we were all granted access to salvation and a life everlasting. Easter then marks a huge new beginning for humanity. While the story of Holy Week and the Crucifixion can seem dark and full of sadness, the story of Easter is one of celebration and joy. Each year we can re-affirm our faith and trust in God and look forward to a better, brighter, more fulfilling future.

Appropriate then that Easter coincides with the start of Spring and the hope of Summer on the horizon – it certainly feels like we need it after such a long winter! It is easy to see signs of new life all around us with flowers starting to peek through the soil and nature seeming to come back to life in the warmer weather. For us at Bishop Young, Easter is also an important time as it marks a year since we began our new chapter together as a new school and with a new Principal. So much has changed over the last year and we can look forward to another year of renewal and growth ahead of us. By Easter 2019 we can together, as a Christian community, accomplish great things and will be even closer to that outstanding education experience which we aim to provide for our community.

We hope you find a way to celebrate Easter together with your families and friends and all our staff and students enjoy a hard earned rest.

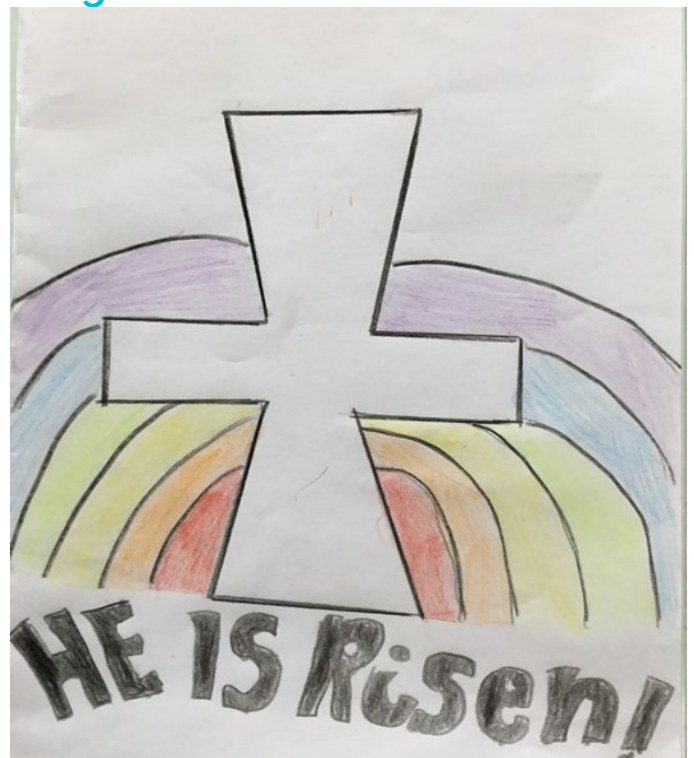
Amy Thompson, Assistant Principal and SIAMS lead

Diocese Easter Card Design for 2019



BYA took part in their competition to design an Easter Card for the Diocese of Leeds to send out at Easter 2019. Nusrat Aliyu's design was judged as the winner and here she is receiving a gift from Richard Noake, Director of Education for the Diocese.

Well done Nusrat!



And We're Off - Sporting successes

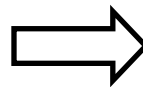


Girls Rugby got off to a great start winning all their fixtures. Year 7/8 played two friendly games and Year 9/10 started their league season with two wins. Well done girls. The Year 10 girls' rugby team are playing in a regional tournament for the Yorkshire Cup on 18th April - good luck girls.



Year 10 Boys played Priesthorpe in the Leeds Schools Cup, winning 3-1. They now face Abbey Grange in the Semi Finals. **THE CLASH** begins between two Abbey MAT Secondary Academies! Date and venue to be announced. The friendly rivalry has already begun between the two Principals

£471 raised so far and donations still coming



Paul Cooper in his Hull City shirt getting a soaking for Sports Relief

What a shot!

What a sport!



Concept ii Rowing Club



Our indoor rowing club has been growing in popularity this half term. Alice, our qualified UK Rowing coach comes into school on Mondays 3:00pm until 4:00pm to deliver these sessions to any students who are interested. BYA competed in the Leeds Row UK championships twice this year and had success in our last competition. Pictured on the left is Emanuelle in action at the competition and Cheryl, Abigail and Charlene with their medals from the last Leeds rowing championships.

Another Leeds rowing competition is planned to take place in June. Please see Mr Tully if you are interested in either attending the rowing club or competition in June, it would be great to see more new faces taking part.