



An Update from the Principal



Last Year's GCSE Exam Result Celebrations.



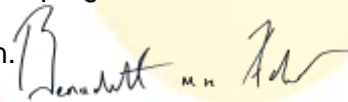
Ayisha and Mahmudha with Mrs Addison.

Good News! UAK Riding High in the Performance Tables

Progress 8 is the new way in which schools are measured in the Performance Tables. This measures the progress every student makes from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school. UAK compared very well with other Keighley schools (-0.01) and is well above national and local averages in terms of performance.

Well done to everyone in last year's Year 11. Everyone at the Academy is delighted with the improvements that have been made and welcome the new Progress 8 measure, which is a fairer measure of a student's achievement and recognises their starting point when tracking progress. It reinforces the message that every child's achievement and progress matters.

Bernie Addison,
Principal.



Post 16 News

Ayisha Ullah and Mahmudha Begum (Year 12), have been selected from hundreds of applicants for the ADOPT (Dentistry) and SOAMS (Medicine) programmes at The University of Sheffield. The students attended an evening event in January to launch the two year programme and will be attending an event next week during half term at Thornbridge Outdoors, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

The following Year 12 students have secured places on the Leeds Futures programme, aimed at students who aspire to top universities and careers including Medicine and Law. Congratulations to Ayisha Ullah, Mahmudha Begum, Omar Farooq, Arshad Jameel, Faiza Asghar, Saiyera Rashid, Sara Haroon and Zahra Shah- Hussain. Students attended their first event at The University of Manchester last week.

Springboard Students (Year 12) achieved the best re-take exam results on record for the Academy (November 2016). 42% of the cohort achieved a C grade in English and a further 8 students achieved a C in Maths. Congratulations to all students.

Once again, the deadline for UCAS applicants was completed ahead of schedule and we are pleased to announce that all Year 13 students have been offered places at their chosen universities for September. 86% of students have chosen The University of Bradford, the Academy's sponsor, as one of their five choices. We look forward to celebrating their success in August.

Stuart Smith,
Director of Post 16.



Ofsted Inspection: Good News!

Ofsted carried out a Section 8 Monitoring Inspection of the Academy in January. This inspection was the first monitoring visit since the Section 5 inspection which took place in April 2016.

The inspector stated: "The pupils I spoke with are positive about their learning, and visits to lessons showed that pupils are willing to get on with their learning tasks. Pupils say that behaviour in lessons is almost always good."

The inspector also made the following judgement: "Leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of the serious weaknesses designation. Senior leaders have demonstrated a determination to address weaknesses in teaching in order to accelerate pupils' learning."

The report can be viewed in its entirety on our website www.uak.org.uk.

Year 11 - On Track to Exam Success!

This term has seen the Academy's Year 11 students put through their paces. In January, ahead of the Mock Exams, staff delivered a special Revision Skills Day.

Students attended specialist workshops on: time management, revision strategies, target setting and the use of digital resources, as well as having careers support on hand throughout the day.

In February, our Year 11 students had a taste of realism, with a Mock Exam Results event. Students were given the results from the January Mock Exams to provide them with an indication of the results they could expect in the real GCSE exams, which start in May.



Year 11 learning valuable revision techniques.

We have lots of news and stories to share with you and to find out more you can visit our website www.uak.org.uk. Here you can download the latest updates and see our archived stories as well as our current stories.

- * Read the Ofsted Published Report.
- * Revision Skills Day for Year 11.
- * The Mock GCSE Results event.
- * NSPCC Number Day.

You can also follow us on our Twitter page @UAK1



Staff and students celebrate at our Year 11 Mock Results Event.



First successful event for our new Student Leaders - NSPCC Charity Number Day raised £259.

Coming Up

The Academy is closed for the half term break from 2.55pm Friday, 17th February. We re-open on Monday, 27th February 2017.

Year 8 Parents' Evening Wednesday, 8th March- 4.00pm until 6.00pm. Please make your appointments early!

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