



**University  
Academy  
Keighley**

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## An Update from the Principal



**Top of the Class!**



**Stronger links forged for the benefit of the Academy's students.**



**Joanne Marshall, Director of Human Resources at the University.**

## Top of the Class! One of the Most Improved Schools in the Region



We are proud to be recognised as one of the most improved schools in the region, and for our students to have achieved a positive Progress 8 score. We welcome this new measure, which recognises and values every student's achievements. We congratulate all our school community who have worked hard to achieve this wonderful success. We are extremely fortunate to have very good support from our families and our sponsors, the University of Bradford and Bradford Council. Together, we aim to inspire our students to enjoy learning so that they develop into inquisitive, resilient and successful young people.

## Strengthening Links with our Sponsor the University of Bradford

One of our sponsors, University of Bradford, has pledged to strengthen its links with the Academy and to work alongside staff and the community to raise aspirations among students.

Joanne Marshall, Director of Human Resources at the University and an Academy governor stated recently in a Telegraph and Argus interview that: "The school was already on a trajectory of improvement. We have an exciting strategy to move the academy forward and move it into the future. We're particularly supporting the school in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). It is a big change in how we work with the local community, as well as making sure students at the school have the best education. We have a lot to offer that we can put back into the local community."

Academy Principal Mrs Addison added: "Our link with the university shows children what is available on their doorstep, it really helps them see what the area has to offer in jobs and education. It is also giving our teachers access to specialists from the university."

The Academy's co-sponsor Bradford Council has also welcomed the move. Executive for Education Imran Khan, stated: "This will provide reassurance to parents and the school community and allow everyone connected with the Academy to move forward together."

## Celebrating Numeracy and Literacy

This term students have celebrated World Book Day and Pi Day.

Pi (Greek letter "π") is the symbol used in maths to represent a constant - the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, approximately 3.14159.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point so it's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to calculate more and more digits.



Students of all ages worked together to produce a Pi number paper chains, with them attempting to work out the longest

**Pi Day - the Pi Paper Chain winning team.**

number they could, one digit for each link in the chain. The paper chains were all measured in the sports hall, with the winning chain stretching across the hall three times!

Students also worked on Pi themed games and activities during their maths lessons throughout the day.

Earlier in the month, students celebrated World Book Day, where Student Leaders organised a book swap, a Year 7 spelling bee competition and a character quiz.



**World Book Day - Literary characters joined in the fun at the Book Swap.**

Members of staff also arrived at work dressed as their favourite story book characters!

You can see more on these stories and pictures on our website [www.uak.org.uk](http://www.uak.org.uk).

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](http://www.uak.org.uk).

Here you can download the latest updates and see our archived stories as well as our current stories.

- \* View our World Book Day gallery.
- \* News from the Sixth Form.
- \* Information about the new grading and reporting system.

You can also follow us on our Twitter page @UAK1



**Congratulations to Eric who completed his half marathon (13.1m) in 1hr 58mins on March 24th raising money for Comic Relief.**

## Coming up

Friday, 7th April 2017- The Academy is closed from 2.55pm and we re-open on Monday, 24th April 2017.

Thursday, 4th May- Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Please make your appointments early!

## Notice to parents

After 5th May 2017 the Academy will no longer be able to accept paper £5 notes as they will no longer be legal tender.

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