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## An Update from the Principal



### Best Results EVER!



Year 7 settle into their classes.



Students enjoy the Wonder Lab.

### We are 'Top of the Class'!

UAK was delighted to see the publication of its 2017 results in the newly released performance tables this week. For the second year running, UAK is the only school in Keighley to record a Positive Progress 8 score.



August's GCSE Exam Results Celebrations.

This new grading in schools' performance, measures the progress that all pupils make from leaving primary school to gaining their qualifications in Year 11. UAK's positive score, which is well above Bradford's average, means that pupils make more progress than expected. In addition to this, UAK recorded the highest grade 4 (broadly a C) in its Basics measure (English and mathematics) in Keighley, with 49% of pupils achieving this harder measure. This is in contrast to 2015, when only 16% of pupils achieved this level. Well done to everyone involved.

### Science visit to the National Science and Media Museum

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 55 Year 10 students from the academy visited the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford to view Tim Peake's descent module and take part in a special *Science of Space* event.



Museum Ambassadors explain the Science of Space.

The Soyuz TMA-19M module returned British astronaut Tim Peake to earth in June 2016, after he embarked on the Principia mission to the International Space Station, where he spent six months orbiting Earth.

Students had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get a close look at this historic spacecraft-complete with scorch marks from its re-entry through the atmosphere.

Student Anam Ilyas said: "This was a really unique day and the Imax movie gave me a very different perceptive of what space is like." Fellow student Maryam Nazam added: "The scientists and ambassadors explained all the investigations really clearly, I had a great time!"

## Brilliant Club Graduation!

Twelve UAK Year 10 students attended a graduation ceremony at the University of Leeds as part of The Scholars Programme.

The event was organised by 'The Brilliant Club', a charitable organisation established to open opportunities for state school students to access places at top universities, known as the Russell Group Universities.

Students attended a launch event at the University of Manchester in May. They were assigned a PhD Tutor in Philosophy: George Stamets, who they met on the day. Students had a tour of the campus, attended workshops on study skills and met other students on the programme from across the North of England.

Over the next six weeks, students met with their tutor for a one hour session in small groups to learn about Philosophy and prepare for the final assignment: 'Are my actions ever up to me? An Introduction to Free Will.' The assignment was a 2000 word essay, marked by the tutor and marked using the degree level criteria.

The graduation event on Saturday was held at the Michael Sandler Building, at the University of Leeds. Families and staff attended the event to celebrate with the students.

Stuart Smith, Assistant Principal explained, "our students have really done themselves, their families and the academy proud. This experience has introduced our most able students to a world of academic possibilities. The students are great ambassadors for UAK and we look forward to celebrating their continued success in whatever paths they choose."



Launch event at University of Manchester

UAK hosted primary school students from across Keighley, as part of the Inspiring Bradford events which took place across the district during October.

The events saw many partners coming together to organise the special week, including the academy sponsor; the University of Bradford. Over 200 people, from all levels - apprentices to CEOs and all sectors – archaeology to zoology volunteered to take part.

Volunteers have been visiting schools to talk with Students about their job. The aim is to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and help students to make the link between their lessons, their futures and to challenge gender stereotypes.



Playing What's my Line.  
Guess who does what job?

## Coming Up

**UAK is closed for the half term break from 2.55pm Friday, 20th October. We reopen on Monday, 30th October 2017.**

**Year 11 Parents' Evening - Wednesday, 8th November- 4.00pm until 7.00pm. Details of appointment times will follow.**

**We have lots of news and stories to share with you and to find out more you can visit our website**

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