



Message from the Executive Principal Roger Burman

I am delighted to report that this term we have already made significant strides in building on the great success of the summer's GCSE results which were the best achieved by our students in the academy's 9 year history. While congratulating last year's students, many of whom have moved on to some promising opportunities in training or further education, our new Year 11 have already progressed in our new after-school Period 6 curriculum and through their hard work we look forward to ever greater achievement in 2019. We were delighted to welcome into Year 7 those students who were the first cohort to progress from the Primary phase of the academy into the secondary school. These are the first students to benefit from our increasing focus on transition which we are able to provide as an all-through academy and which is managed alongside an increasing focus on interaction with our other feeder schools. Following the success last summer we hope that this year we will be able to provide our summer term transition programme to an even greater number of students from our feeder schools, giving them the crucial boost to their preparation for secondary school.

Following the academy's recent successes, I was delighted to welcome record numbers of prospective parents at our recent open evening and interest in the academy is growing day by day. With this added interest it is very much my hope that the academy will continue to grow very strongly in the coming years. At the start of the term I was delighted to welcome a new management team into the Berryfields Primary School with the arrival of Sarah Luton and Alison Morgan as our acting Primary Head and acting Deputy Head. They have already made great progress in implementing a number of highly important changes to the delivery of our Early Years and Key Stage 1 programmes and the academy can anticipate many

Primary Upcoming Events

Monday 5th November

Applications open for starting school in September 2019

Thursday 8th November at 10am

Open morning for September 2019 entry to Nursery & Reception

Sunday 11th November at 7pm

Community act of remembrance for the Centenary of the end of World War 1

Monday 12th November

Anti Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 14th November at 6pm

Open evening for September 2019 entry to Nursery & Reception

Friday 16th November

Anti-bullying week assemblies
Children in Need Day

Tuesday 27th November at 1:45pm

Open for prospective parents for entry to Nursery & Reception September 2019

Saturday 1st December, 11am-1pm

FoBS Christmas Fair

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 18th December

School Christmas Dinner & Class Parties

Wednesday 19th December

School closes for Christmas

future benefits from the new deployment of a number of co-ordinated strategies across a number of curricular areas which will provide very significant support to our youngest students as they move all the way from Reception and up into the secondary school.

Message from the Primary Acting Head Teacher Ms Sarah Luton

It has been lovely meeting everyone at Berryfields. Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome, I have really enjoyed talking to you all on the gate and meeting the children here. I am looking forward to getting to know you all better. Thank you for supporting the staff at drop off and collection time by standing to one side on the playground. This really does help to get the children into school quickly and safely.

Last term we welcomed new parents, staff and children, most notably in the Reception and Nursery classes where many families have started a journey through school life that will hopefully be fruitful, invigorating and successful.

As always we are constantly looking at ways we can improve communication between school and parents. You can now find all of the letters and diary dates on the school website by clicking on <https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=Communication+and+Newsletters&pid=197>

It was great to see how much the children enjoyed the disco at the end of last term. Thank you very much to FOB's for their hard work in running this event.

As always, if you have any other queries or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or to our office staff who will do their very best to be of help and assistance. If you would like to speak to me about anything I am usually available on the school gate but it may be helpful if you could make an appointment with the school office.

We are asking that no toys be brought into school from home. Our classrooms are filled with items to keep us busy, and lost or broken toys result in very sad feelings!

We understand that on occasions medical appointments have to be attended during school time and we will always support parents as much as possible. Most medical appointments take no more than

Secondary Upcoming Events

Thursday 1st November

5-8pm Years 9,12 & 13 Settling In Evening

Thursday 8th November

5-7pm Year 11 Revision Evening

Monday 12th November

Anti Bullying Week- Odd Socks Day

Friday 16th November

Children in Need Day

Monday 19th November

All Day Careers Drop Down Day

Thursday 22nd November

5-7pm Year 10 Parents & Revision Evening

Monday 26th November -

All Day Year 11 Mock Exams Day 1

Tuesday 4th December

6-7pm Awards Evening

Saturday 1st December

FoBS Christmas Fair 11-1pm

Thursday 6 December

9.45-3.30pm Diana Anti Bullying Ambassadors Training Day
5-7pm 6th Form Open Evening
5-7pm Year 11 Options Evening

Wednesday 12 December

AVA Whole Academy Carol Service inc. Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 18th December

All Day Student Rewards Event

Wednesday 19th December

School closes for Christmas

two hours, therefore we only expect children to be absent from school for part of the day. We do ask that where possible appointments are made at times that limit the disruption to your child's education. We also ask that a copy of the appointment/letter card is given to the school. (This is for all medical appointments).

Can we remind you that the Primary phase are a nut free school so can you please take care when preparing packed lunches to avoid including any items that could cause an allergic reaction for some of our pupils.

Dinosaur Day



On Tuesday 9th October, the 'Our Long Ago Workshop' came to Berryfields. Our Key Stage 1 children located and identified fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises were all thrown in.

BATTLE'S
OVER

A NATION'S TRIBUTE
11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Your chance to pay
your personal and
community tribute to
those millions that
gave their lives for
their country during
the dreadful darkness
of four years of War*

KS2 Poetry Competition for Remembrance 11th November 6:30pm

This year the Berryfields Community is included in the nationwide Day of Commemorative Events marking the Centenary of the end of the First World War and paying tribute to the millions killed or wounded in battle, and those on the home front who struggled amidst pain and loss to help ensure freedom survived.

As a school we will be part of these commemorations with some of our KS2 children joining with Greenridge Primary in the singing. Also we are running a poetry competition with the best poems from the Secondary and Primary school being read by their authors at the 6:30pm commemoration. If you are in KS2 then we are wanting you to get your thinking caps and put pen to paper and write a poem about the events, emotions, difficulties, hurts and pains from the First World War. Please bring these in to your class teacher after half-term and we will make the difficult choice of the best one to be read out. Have a try you never know you might be the next UK poet laureate in the making!

Hear Their Roar!



Hear Their Roar is a marvelous charity that works with young adults and children who have suffered abuse and trauma. They focus on emotional and mental health and design projects that give people hope so they can heal their hearts and minds. The charity uses performing arts as a way to start conversations and hear their stories and voices. Our school is helping out by running many events throughout the year like muffin day, book sales, sports competitions and many other fun events. In just one muffin day, we raised a fantastic amount of £369.00. Our aim is to reach £1000.00 by the end of the school year and letters will be sent home detailing each event we are running, so please look out for them. We would like to thank you for your support.

Student Safety at the end of the School Day.



Parents may have noticed that since the start of the term in September, the roads around the academy have now been marked with double yellow lines and parking restrictions which are regularly patrolled by a traffic warden. These new measures have significantly improved traffic issues around the academy as well as for local residents. However there remains a critical period at the end of the school day at 3PM with the combined impact of children walking home, being picked up by parents or using the additional school bus services. At this busy time, as well as thanking everyone for their patience, we would ask that parents who collect their child by car, to make use of the academy car parks which are officially the designated pick up and drop off points as well as take care in driving to and from the academy and avoiding parking in any of the adjoining streets. The academy deploys as many staff as possible at these busy times in order to help students to cross the roads and avoid any risks and to make their journey home as safe as possible.

The Bucks Skills Show

On Friday 12th October, Sixth Form students visited the Bucks Skills Show. The Bucks Skills show is an excellent opportunity for young people to meet and ask questions to experts and advocates of different universities and companies to inspire and give guidance for the next stage in their life.

All of the stands for the different businesses had an interactive event to keep you engaged and amused, while at the same time giving out resources and information which ranges from what they do, what they offer, what do you need to get into this and so much more! The AVDC Gateway is a great location for it. This is because it has lots of separate rooms inside that help divide the sectors up allowing for easy navigation of the event. However, they had plenty of staff from sponsors, BOSCH and volunteers from Bucks UTC there to help you if need be.

Don't know what to do? Don't worry as they give you a helpful starter bag with an event planner and timetable of the institutes that will be there. They promote a happy and relaxed atmosphere and everyone there is incredibly nice and helpful.

I would like to personally thank the school for the opportunity as it was very helpful, a fun time and a great experience.

David Butcher

Our Experience with The Inspiration Programme

At the beginning of year 12 we were introduced to a program called the The Inspiration Programme run by Action4Youth. This is an event in which all students had to take part where we discovered different activities which are going to take place throughout the year. As most of you know the Action4 Youth also known as the Inspirational program is a program that gives young people the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the society on a larger scale.

During the program we found more about today's society especially about the different charities that exist overtime. One of the Charities that we focused on is The Bucks County Museum. We went there to discover who they are and what they provide to the local community as well as how they run and operate as a charity. The following week we went to Animal Antics to compare how they run as a charity and how it helps the younger children with special needs. After gathering relevant information about each charity, the next week, all students took part in Dragons Den. This is when students were put into groups representing each charity and developed their presentation skills as they try to convince Action4Youth to donate £50 to their chosen charity.

Overall, by taking part in this program it helped students to discover different aspects of different charities as well as develop our knowledge about what today's society provides. Our experience with the Inspirational program has been mostly positive and we are looking forward to the next unit that we will be focusing on.

Miruthigaa Jayakumar

All-Star Cheerleading



In July this year Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy Junior Level 2 Team competed at the Bournemouth International Centre and won their division. In doing so they qualified for a prestigious competition held at ESPN Walt Disney World, Florida!! This competition takes place in May. The Academy is very proud that Abi Jeffs, Ella Salt and Sophie Wells were part of the team that achieved this accolade.

This is such a huge achievement for the club which continues to go from strength to strength and is a true reflection of all the hard work put in by the athletes and their coaches.

To give you a brief outline of the sport itself, All-Star Cheerleading is a competitive sport where teams compete against each other and perform a 2-and-a-half-minute routine to music that includes stunts, jumps, dance and tumbling. It's not chanting and waving pomm poms on the pitch sidelines which is often people's perception when you mention Cheerleading. It is a very demanding

sport which requires physical strength, trust in your teammates, endless hours in the gym, dedication and commitment.

The Academy wishes the team, especially those attending AVA, every success in the future.

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is traditionally a time for giving and receiving, a time of celebration and happiness. But unfortunately it isn't that way for everybody. That is why for the fourth year running we will be participating in 'Operation Christmas Child'. Please check book bags for more information.

Christmas Nativities

Tickets for this year's nativities will be available later on in the term. The dates for your diary are as follows:

Afternoon Nursery – Wednesday 5th December at 2:30pm

Morning Nursery – Thursday 6th December at 10:50am

Reception – Friday 7th December at 2pm

KS1 – Wednesday 12th December at 2pm and Thursday 13th December at 9:30am

Y3&4 Christingle – Thursday 13th December at 6pm

Y5/6 in AVA Whole Academy Carol Service – Wednesday 12th December at 6pm

