

Laisterdyke

NEWS

GCSE Art coursework designed by pupil in Year 11



Laisterdyke
Leadership Academy

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Thank you to the Newsletter committee for your input if any pupil would like to join the group please contact Mrs Bashir-Butt at Student Services

Dear parents and pupils,

As we begin the last week of school before the summer break I would like to thank all of our pupils, parents and staff for their tremendous contribution over the course of this term. All have shown unerring commitment to improving the school and outcomes for our learners. As a result attendance has improved to be in line with national averages; Year 11 are predicted to achieve the best GCSE results the school has had under current headline measures; Results for all year groups show a marked improvement since January; Attitude to learning is changing and our pupils are relishing the aspirational targets they are being set.

It has been a privilege to be the Interim Principal for Laisterdyke Leadership Academy for the last two terms. The whole school community has welcomed the challenge for rapid school improvement posed by myself on behalf of Tauheedul Education Trust. Miss Lisa Corrigan will take over as the permanent Principal from September 2016. She is already working with the staff and pupils to ensure that the transition of leadership in the school is seamless. She is a very experienced school leader. I am sure the school community will welcome her as warmly as they have done myself. I will continue to work at Laisterdyke in my substantive role as Academy Improvement Director. My relentless focus will continue to be securing aspirational progress for your child.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer.


Kind regards

Miss C Roberts

Heightened Expectations

In our pursuit to become an outstanding academy we'll be working with staff and pupils to heighten expectations, below is a copy of our Mission, Vision and Value Statement.

Laisterdyke Leadership Academy



Nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders

To promote a culture of educational excellence, from within a caring and secure environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect, which extends beyond the school into the wider community.

Keeping our pupils safe, happy and well.	Achieving and sustaining excellence.	Looking after our staff and community.	
We prioritise people in every decision we make.	We take opportunities to learn with and from others.	We are organised, efficient and set high expectations for ourselves and others.	We are approachable, caring and inclusive.
We embrace opportunities to contribute and work beyond the call of duty.	We nurture collaborative partnerships inside and outside that energise and inspire.	We work hard and take pride in our work.	We make the right choices even when there are difficult circumstances.
We take every opportunity to improve the service to our community.	We take responsibility for our mistakes and the mistakes of others and we learn from these mistakes to continuously improve.	We relish challenge.	We are considerate, attentive, appreciative and encouraging.
Service Taking responsibility for our community.	Teamwork Working together for excellence.	Ambition Aspiring to be our best.	Respect Treating others as we wish to be treated.

Our Vision
Our ambition for the future

Our Mission
What we do

Our Priorities
What we deliver

Our Behaviours
Values in action

Our Values
What we stand for



Helping Hands

A group of Post 16 pupils worked with StreetLife (community group based at Thornbury Centre) and volunteered at a local Care Home as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

The project involved pupils supporting and working with the staff at the Care Home to engage and entertain the residents. Our pupils were expected to plan and organise a number of activities they decided on a number of indoor and outdoor activities such as board games, bowling, snooker and gardening. The pupils also planned a sing-a-long workshop using a karaoke machine so the residents could sing their favourite song. All the pupils were responsible for completing all the paper work needed including risk assessments to evaluate any hazardous risks and how they could be minimised.



U-19 Football team –

'kept going when it got tough'

We had a 'pitch perfect' sporting season this year, after our Under 19 football team clinched the local school league title with a thumping final day victory.

After a nerve-wracking draw with St Bede's in their penultimate fixture, the talented team triumphed against our local rivals in a tense match which resulted in a victorious 4-2 win.





Roundhay **106-5 (15 overs)**
Laisterdyke **110-4 (13.2 overs)**

U15 Yorkshire Schools Cup - Round 2

The combined Year 9 & 10 cricket team put in the best ever performance by a Laisterdyke team to go through to the third round of the Yorkshire Schools Cup.

Our highest score ever was 75 therefore the target of 107 seemed a long way off. We had fantastic bowling performances by Hammad in Year 10 and Omar in Year 9.

Well done Laisterdyke Cricket Team.

Post 16 Leavers Celebration



A group of dedicated pupils in Post 16 worked tirelessly to raise funds for their end of year Leavers' Celebration. They used their entrepreneurial skills and have been regularly selling food during break to hungry pupils and staff to help raise funds to make the evening a success.

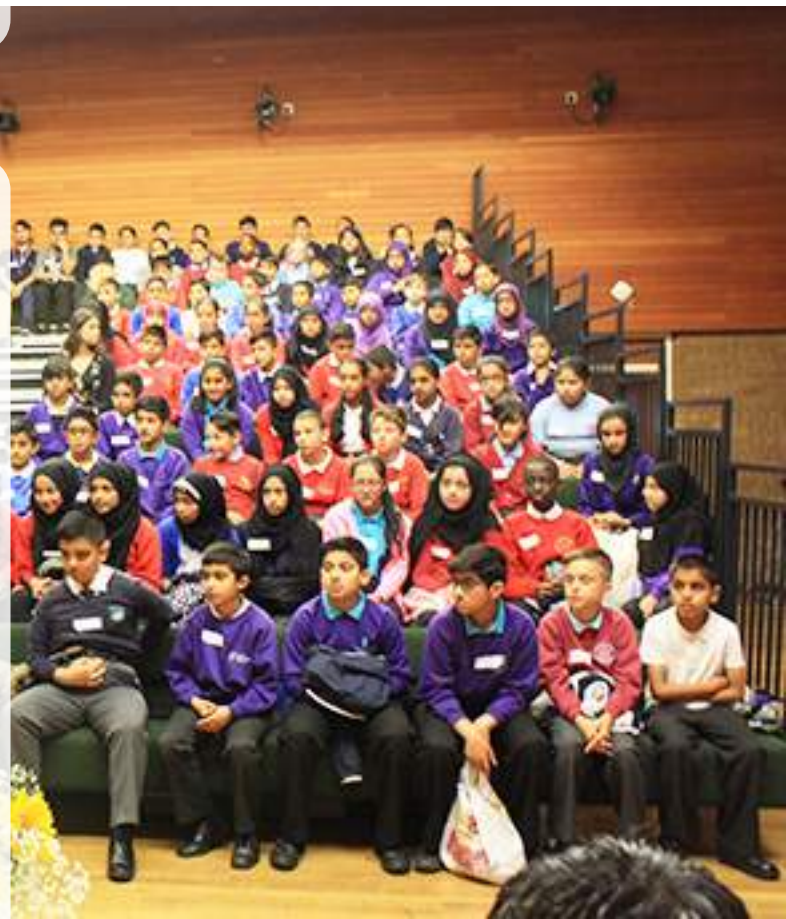
This event is scheduled to take place at Bradford Hotel on Thursday 28th July 2016.

Transition >>> <<< Day

As we bid farewell to a number of our pupils we also open our doors to welcome the next cohort of pupil that will join us in September and become part of the Laisterdyke Year 7 community.

To help support our new pupils in their transition from primary to secondary school we organised a transition day full of activities and fun to help ease the journey. This year Transition day was on Wednesday 29th June.

The group spent the day as a pupil of Laisterdyke Leadership Academy and took part in various lessons. The day was full of positive energy and in true fantastic Laisterdyke Spirit.



Post 16 Business Students



As part of their Unit assessment the pupils taking BTEC Business Studies are expected to organise an event. In true Laisterdyke form we set them the task to help welcome the new cohort of Year 7 pupils joining in September.

The group of Post 16 pupils have worked incredibly hard and put together a number activities and events both to deliver here at Laisterdyke and to be pupil ambassadors while visiting the primary schools. The pupils wanted to share their own personal experiences and run fun workshops and exciting activities such as 'how to survive at a secondary school' campaign which included role play and interactive debates.

Goodbye & Good Luck to Pupils in Year 11 & Year 13

As I am sure you are aware pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 have finished their exams and will be looking ahead to their options. All the staff at Laisterdyke Leadership Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in the decisions you make and hope you gain the grades you need to progress. It has been a pleasure to help and provide guidance to you over the years.

There will be support and advice available on GCSE and A2 results day.

I am sure the sound foundation that Laisterdyke Leadership Academy has provided you with coupled with your drive and determination will ensure you fulfil your dreams.



Most of our Year 11 pupils have been with us for the past five years and it is amazing to think how most of them have grown and developed into young adults. To celebrate all that they have achieved we organised a celebration evening with a full three course meal and an award ceremony at Sunrise Restaurant on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 6pm. It was a truly magical event and a great farewell celebration.



Let's Think Business

Year 10 Mock Exams

Mock Exams are fundamental to the development of our pupils. It allows our teachers to identify areas which need further focus, allows us to create robust plans to ensure they are supported in the best way possible and most importantly, it prepares our pupils to ensure that when their actual exams arrive they are prepared.

The Mock Exam week was an intense time. Nevertheless, this gave all the Year 10 pupils a realistic indication as to how the real GCSE exams will feel. We are very proud of our Year 10 pupils; they prepared and revised hard for their exams. I know they will continue to progress and do well.

Mosaic is a charitable organisation founded by HRH The Prince of Wales and aims to raise the future aspirations of young people.

One of the ways it does this is through a mentoring programme, in which adults from the community go into schools to talk to pupils about their future, and work with them to develop a variety of life skills that will aid them in deciding what to do once they leave school. 20 of our Year 10 pupils have been taking part in the programme this year, which has involved mentors who live or work in and around Laisterdyke, including a solicitor, a former Laisterdyke pupil, a TV personality and a youth worker. Pupils work on their presentation and CV skills; not only will these skills help pupils in their studies this year and in Year 11, but will prove invaluable when helping them to decide on their next steps. The programme will culminate in July with pupils attending a 'World of Work' visit, in which they go into an active workplace in order to understand in greater detail how a business is run.



Homework Booklet

We believe homework is important to reinforce what has been learned in class and helps pupils develop positive study habits. We want them to reach their full potential which is why we introduced the homework booklet last term.

The booklet was developed for each year group and outlined all homework tasks for the academic year, providing a clear outline of tasks set, guidance of when to start tasks and the date the homework task was due to be handed in.

The purpose of the booklet was to aid pupils and parents/carers in establishing a regular routine in their approach to homework and to ensure that pupils receive a balanced and appropriate amount of homework.

It is amazing to see the impact the homework booklet has had on our pupils as it is encouraging them to chronicle their educational journey and utilise their spare time to prepare and plan for lessons in advance.

We encourage parents and carers to continue to be actively involved in their child's home study for the next academic year.

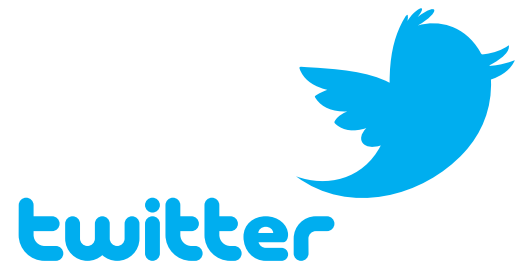
Year 9 Options

We want pupils to be able to pursue a broad and balanced

programme of study at GCSE level. Some years ago, the government introduced the English Baccalaureate or E Bacc as a measure of how well schools are performing and to encourage pupils to study a broad range of subjects at GCSE level.

Pupils are said to have obtained the E Bacc if they gain grade A*-C GCSE passes in English, Maths, two sciences (either Chemistry, Physics or Biology), a language (including Urdu or French) or Humanities (either History or Geography).

As part of the GCSE options process at Laisterdyke Leadership Academy we held a Parent Consultation Evening. The evening was an opportunity for pupils and parents/carers to find out more about the GCSE courses available and how pupils can select subjects.



Laisterdyke Leadership Academy is on Twitter so follow us on @LaisterdykeLA for the latest news and events.

The Academy uses Twitter to inform parents and the wider community of events and to share the achievements of our pupils through our news stories.

It is a broadcast account only so if you need to contact the Academy, please continue to use the normal channels (phone or email).

Reminder of dates

A2 results 18th August 2016

GCSE results 25th August 2016



Anne Frank

This year a group of our Year 9 pupils have been engaging in Bradford Council's SUSOMAD (Stand Up, Speak Out, Make a Difference) peer education programme. As part of this, pupils have been trained in how to deliver talks based around two exhibitions; the first exhibition took place over two weeks in school, and was based around the 1995 Srebrenica Massacre that occurred in Bosnia. The second exhibition was held at the Kala Sangam community arts centre in Bradford, and this exhibition told the story of Anne Frank, and focused on how lessons from her diary can be applied to 21st century society. Pupils that took part in this part of the programme delivered the exhibition to a number of primary schools. Not only did pupils gain invaluable presentation skills as part of this programme, but they were instrumental in delivering lessons around violence and racism to younger pupils, thus playing a key role in supporting the delivery of Bradford Council's cohesion and diversity programme.

Invitation to join Laisterdyke Parent Partnership (LPP) Committee

- Would you like to become more involved in shaping your child's learning?
- Do you have ideas and views that you would like to share with us?
- Would you like to help us trial new initiatives?
- If so, why not join our LPP Committee?

I am delighted to be able to invite you to participate in a new and very important initiative for Laisterdyke Leadership Academy.

We are always looking for ways to involve parents/carers as much as possible in the life of the Academy and in the decision making process. Therefore, we are planning to re-launch the Laisterdyke Parent Partnership Committee which will play a central role in evaluating current Academy procedures and proposed new initiatives and will therefore be extremely important to the development of Laisterdyke Leadership Academy.

The main aims of the LPP Committee is:

- To take the views of parents/carers in decision making
- To assist us in offering parents/carers greater opportunity to become involved in their children's learning
- To assist us in placing parents/carers in an improved position to help their children with school work
- To provide us with feedback on key issues such as how the school communicates with parents/carers
- To work with the Academy in organising fundraising and community events

If you would like to join this exciting Committee please contact Sadia Bashir-Butt Communication Officer, 01274 401140 or email sadia.bashir-butt@laisterdyke.tetrust.org