

TEA TIMES



Courage Team

Resilience Opportunity

High expectations **team**

COURAGE

TRANSFORMATIONAL

Ambition

Achievement Respect

EQUAL

Freedom

Love

Message from the Head of Academy

We have come to the end of yet another successful term and I would like to share with you some wonderful highlights that we have had this term. The Elland academy family has worked tirelessly to ensure that we have all shared some amazing experiences that have supported us throughout the term. Students and staff alike have come up with some brilliant ideas that have enriched the learning journey. Additionally we have benefitted from the support from our parents and carers whose contribution has been invaluable to us. Here are some of the key highlights this term:

- Outdoor education trips to Herd farm and Chevin to build resilience and team
- Trip to Bradford museum
- Gift vouchers for our students who have reached 95% and above attendance
- Enrichment clubs for the Bike club, Radio Elland, Singing, Table tennis, art and crafts and Baking club
- After school football
- Stem bridge building day
- Film festival
- Charity work

GCSE summer results 2016

Last year's cohort of Yr11 Pupils did themselves proud in GCSE exams and 88% secured the places they wanted on further education or apprenticeship courses.

The Elland Academies results compare favourably with National Alternative Providers, with 61% of all pupils achieving 5 A* to G grades across all three core subjects of English, maths and sciences (National AP 2015: 10.5%). 89% of pupils gained at least 1 GCSE or equivalent at grade A* to G (National AP 2015: 57.8%).

The small year 11 cohort of 21 pupils achieved some fantastic individual results which is particularly impressive considering the personal circumstances that each have faced.

We are celebrating some excellent individual performances that include:

- 2 students achieved 11 Outcomes
- 4 students achieved 10 Outcomes
- 3 students achieved 9 Outcomes
- 3 students achieved 7 Outcomes
- 3 students achieved 6 Outcomes

The academy opens on the 3rd of January 2017 for all staff and students. I would also like to on behalf of the Elland academy to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. We are looking forward to an even exciting time ahead in the New Year.

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STEM Day - Bridge Building

Could you build a bridge with limited time and resources to span a gap and hold the weight of an adult? Last week student's across the academy took on this challenge!

A variety of bridges were made of all different sizes and shapes, some of which took the weight of Miss Aspin, some however collapsed under the pressure, maybe students did not use enough PVA glue or staples?



Congratulations to 11A who built the lightest, strongest bridge. The KS3 group only narrowly missed out after a secret glue gun was discovered.



Into Film Festival

On 15th November Media students attended the Leeds International Film Festival screening of Goosebumps. During this event students attended a post screening talk where they had the opportunity to learn more about the BBFC and the classification process.

The event was held in Leeds Town Hall which added a surreal and scary feeling to an already mysterious showing!



Praise for Elland Academy Pupils

19th October 2016

The 2 boys: **Ryan and Lewis** found a male unconscious and with an occluded airway in the bushes on their way home after hearing a phone ringing.

They students rang for The Ambulance Service to assist the man, they remained on scene and guided them to the patient, and they offered to help but remained far enough away so as not to get in their way helping them

to move equipment around and returning it to the ambulance.

All this made them quite late getting home, luckily Gary White from the Ambulance Service was able to contact their parents and one of them came and picked up the boys just as they were getting ready to leave for hospital.

What they did was probably what most people would expect.... But they didn't have they could have easily walked on by with a free mobile phone in their pocket (sadly society is not always what we expect). The Ambulance Service would like to praise Ryan and Lewis as they are in no doubt that if they had not heard the phone and investigated and indeed called for them for this man, he would not have survived, combined with the fact they stayed on and helped further deserves recognition.

Animation at Bradford Media Museum



On Thursday 20th October KS3 students visited Bradford Media Museum. The students were able to learn about different types of animation, make their own clay models and then work in groups to create their own animation using computers and webcams.

Students also visited the I-Max to watch 3D Space and visited the arcade area to play retro games.

Launch of Football Enrichment Club

The weather may not have been the best but that didn't stop the football enrichment session on Tuesday 18th October. We may have been small in numbers but what we lacked in numbers we more than made up for in energy and dare I say skill! The session provided students with an opportunity to work together with different people (including staff).

Ryan showed off his skills at stopping the ball with his head, am sure there are many professionals who could not have consistently done as many 'headers' as Ryan. Bradley has shown he favours the long kicks in the game and has the power to send it flying down the pitch. Troy was a great addition to the session (not just because it meant he could play instead of Mrs Priestley!) but because he showed compassion when playing with people he wouldn't normally play with.

Mr Malcolm astounded us all with his long range kicks on target but it really was a Brilliant example of staff and students working together as a team and enjoying themselves! Here is too many more successful football sessions with team Elland.

The Elland Academy Spirit

It was with a heavy heart that our students joined together on 4th November. Many of our students had been touched by the tragic passing of an ex student and a Year 11 student stepped forward and requested that the Elland team join together to raise funds to be donated towards the funeral costs for Sophie.

It was touching to see so many of our staff and students support the bake sale and cake auction. It was a true testament to The Elland Academy spirit that students who did not know Sophie spent time baking a collection of

delicious buns. A memorial board was made by those that knew Sophie and the family and was proudly displayed in the canteen, allowing students and staff to share memories and reflect.

The cake auction became fierce, staff members were bidding high for the cakes, with many delectable delights on offer who could blame them.



Outstanding Childcare Results!

All the childcare girls in year 11 have now achieved their CACHE Level 1 award in caring for children!

