

Christmas Newsletter



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Thank you!

The Boulevard Academy would like to extend a big **thank you** to students, staff, parents and carers for all your hard work this term. We are especially proud of our Year 10s and 11s during the recent mock exam weeks. We hope you have a safe and relaxing break. The Boulevard Academy wishes you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Christmas Break

As we come to the end of another busy term we'd like to take this opportunity to let you know that there will be an **Early Closure of School for the Christmas Holiday.**

The Academy will close at 1:00pm on Friday 20th December 2019.

The Academy will re-open at the usual time of 8:20 on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Please keep an eye on our social media and website over the break for any updates or news.

On behalf of the students and staff at The Boulevard Academy, we wish you a peaceful and restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Festive Fun at the Academy

We've had lots of festive fun in December! We kicked off the Christmas cheer with the **Boulevard's Festive Celebration** – an array of music, dance and drama that put us all in the spirit. The celebration was followed up by the **Year 11's Charity Music Concert** which raised money for SENDIASS Hull. At both events our BTEC Music students were selling their **charity Christmas CDs**, raising money for



the charity POPYRUS.

Thursday 12th December saw our **whole school Christmas Dinner** at lunchtime. Thank you to our fantastic lunch staff who served a whopping 700+ Christmas lunches!

Friday 13th is unlucky for some, but not here at Boulevard! It was **Christmas Accessories Day** and the school was filled with Santa hats and sparkling tinsel! We also had a **Christmas Bake Sale** at breaktime raising money for Dove House Hospice. Thank you to everyone who donated or bought Christmassy treats!

Parent/Teacher Association

WE'RE RECRUITING! We're looking for parents of current students to join us as members of the Parent/Teacher Association. We meet once every half-term to discuss events happening in school, plan fundraisers, put forward ideas and, most importantly, it is our **platform for sharing the parent voice**. We have flexible meeting times after school, with each meeting lasting roughly 30-45 minutes. If you are interested in joining us please contact

PTA@theboulevardacademy.com to register your interest and we will be in touch about our next meeting in the new year!



Battlefield Trip

Last half-term Year 9 and 10 GCSE history students entered a competition to win a place on the Battlefields educational tour to Belgium. Students created a story or message through art or literacy, portraying life in the

trenches during WW1. Our winners were Olivia Palmer, Millie-Mae Haldenby, Lucy Peacock and Faye Ellerby, and on Friday 15th November the four students set off for Belgium and France. The visit lasted the whole weekend and offered the students the unique opportunity to visit a range of commonwealth and German cemeteries to gain a better understanding of WW1. They took part in a range of activities led by tour experts from the institute of education. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and returned having deepened their knowledge of what life was like in WW1. **Well done all for representing the Academy exceptionally well.**

Attendance Superstars—Every Day Counts!

We've had a big focus on Attendance this term as we participated in the Viking FM Attendance Competition. We're very proud of our **287 students who achieved 100% attendance** throughout November. These students were entered into the city-wide draw for some fantastic prizes.

However, this was not their only chance to win – we have been running an internal competition alongside. We had a winning form group from each year who were treated last week to a breakfast of champions in the canteen. **Congratulations to 7JHO, 8AMO, 9CHE, 10DLI and 11LFE!** We hope you enjoyed it! Our 287 100% attendees have been entered into a draw in school. Our winners have been drawn during Afternoon Assemblies throughout this week. **Congratulations to all our Attendance Superstars!** There will be more opportunities to be an Attendance Superstar next term – but you have to be in it to win it! Don't forget that **Every Day Counts! Can YOU be our next Attendance Superstar?**

My Ed App

We are aiming to get **all parents and carers** signed up to the My Ed app in the New Year! We are uploading more resources, news stories, events and sending out more communications via the app and we are keen to ensure that no one misses out! The app is available to download from app stores now.

PARENT NOTE: Please keep the office updated with your contact numbers and be in touch if you are a priority contact for a student and do not have access to the My Students Tab. **If you change your number or we do not have your most up to date number you will not be able to access your child's attendance percentages, achievements and more.**





STEM Days

Our Year 8s and 9s have been hard at work this term, **creating and innovating on their STEM Days**. They were tasked with designing a rainwater filter system for a Smart Building. The filter system had to be structurally sound enough to ensure the water didn't leak out, but with a strong enough filter to prevent debris getting into the clean water stream. Both year groups did an excellent job, **utilising their Science, Technology, English and Maths skills** to work in teams to produce and demonstrate their filter systems!



Shine Visit - report by Dmitrijs Borovs Yr 9

In November our Year 9s in the Able, Gift and Talented programme were invited to attend Shine at the University of York – *“Shine aims to inspire, motivate and encourage pupils to achieve academic success and raise their aspirations towards higher education.”*

Our students worked in teams, solving riddles on the Campus Conundrum task that took them on a tour of the campus – *“What has thousands of stories but only three flights of stairs to the top? ... The Library!”* Dmitrijs Borovs reported back to school that **#TeamBoulevard**, supported by their cheerful university ambassador, Louis, had won the riddle challenge and walked away with a bar of chocolate as the victors!

He also described the talks on student finance and budgeting, which demonstrated that finance shouldn't be a barrier to accessing higher education. The students also took careers quizzes to determine their potential future jobs – Dmitrijs' was an Aerospace Engineer! The quiz results indicated which GCSEs they would need to take and what results they would need to aim for to achieve this goal.

So Dmitrijs, what have you taken away from your trip to Shine? *That if you get your head down, focus on your targets, you can achieve your goals.*

Will you be aiming for higher education following your trip? *Absolutely! We had a lot of fun and I will definitely be aiming to go.*

Can you sum up your trip in 3 words?
Really exciting experience!



Careers

Our Careers Team have been busy this term with a jam-packed calendar of events for our students. **Year 11s:** had their Mock Interview Day where 10 companies including Amazon and KCOM came in to help them practice for future interviews at local colleges or apprenticeships. The event was a great success and our students impressed our interviewers! Year 11s have also received talks from Post 16 providers including Wyke and Bishop Burton. As part of Year 11 Saturday School, they took a trip to visit Wyke's open morning. St Mary's College will be coming in to the Academy in January to talk about their Post 16 course options.

Year 10s: We have launched our Work Experience process – work experience week will commence 6th July 2020 and students are to self-canvas for their placement. If you need a new form please contact Mrs Marshall.

Year 7-9: Creative Careers week took 25 of our Year 7-9 students to Absolutely Cultured and Humber Street Gallery to look at careers within the Creative Arts in Hull.



Dates for Your Diary

When	What
20/12/19	School Closes at 1pm for Christmas Break
07/01/20	School Reopens at the normal time of 08:20am
11/01/20	Year 7 Saturday School – Year 11 Maths Saturday School
17/01/20	Year 9 STEM Day
18/01/20	Year 8 Saturday School – Year 11 Geography, MFL, Business Saturday School
22/01/20	Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00 – open to parents
22/01/20	St Mary's College, Post-16 Options Talk for Year 11
25/01/20	Year 9 Saturday School – Year 11 Maths Saturday School
27/01/20	Start of Year 11 Core Subject Mock Exams

Uniform Drive

Have you grown out of some of your uniform clothing?

The Academy is collecting used, clean uniform in all sizes including blazers and trousers! Help us replenish our stocks to give to students who need it. Please drop your donations off at the office. Thank you!



Parent Trustee

We have **two vacancies** for parent trustees to sit on the Executive Board. Parent trustees are elected by and from parents/guardians of students currently attending our school. They bring a very **important and valued perspective** to the work of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that trustees have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the Academy. The particular skills we require include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the **capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team**, in addition to a range of knowledge and experience.

Please note the appointment is **voluntary with a term of office of four years**.

If you'd like any further information, please contact Eunice Evans, Clerk to the Executive Board, on eevans@theboulevardacademy.onmicrosoft.com who will be pleased to answer your questions.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10/11 Homework Room 0.42	Year 10/11 Homework Room 0.42	Year 10/11 Homework Room 0.42	Year 10/11 Homework Room 0.42	Year 10/11 Homework Room 0.42
GCSE English Room 0.59	BTEC Sport Room 1.32	GCSE Maths Room 2.20	GCSE Maths Room 2.22	
GCSE Spanish Room 2.03	Art Art Room	GCSE Geography Room 1.14	GCSE Science Room 1.23	
	BTEC Music Room 1.10	Drama Drama Studio	GCSE History Room 2.17	
	GCSE Spanish Room 2.03	GCSE Business Studies Room 1.20	GCSE Computer Science Room 1.15	
	GCSE English Room 0.33	GCSE Computer Science Room 1.15		