

Principal's Blog September 2016

It's week four and we are already half way through the first half term!

August saw BOA's fourth set of Post-16 results and third set of GCSE's. Our results have always been good but these are the best ever. At Post-16 the average point score per student was 856, the equivalent of A*AA, an increase from 825 (AAA) in 2015. Well done to all of our Post-16 students. Many are heading to University or Vocational Conservatoires, 15% are going straight into employment. A special well done to Will Gladstone who is heading to London to work at ITV after securing the only apprenticeship on offer. We wish you all the very best and please stay in touch via our Alumni: boa-alumni@boa-academy.co.uk.

Our KS4 students also deserve praise with 88% A*-C in English, 82% in Maths and 80% in Science. We think with these results we will retain our position as the highest achieving 14-19 school in the UK. These results also put us in the top 10% of schools in Birmingham.

[photos of results day]

The term has started well. Year 10 students spent the first week working with our creative industry partners and then presented a showcase/exhibition for parents. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and was particularly intrigued by the Art display. How did you do that?

[Photos of Year 10 showcase]

Year 12 students have now finalised their options, had their individual interviews and lessons are fully underway.

Year 11 and 13 students returned keen to work hard with a realisation that there are only 28 weeks to their exams.

We have a busy year ahead and every parent has been sent a BOA calendar. This contains the key dates such as parent's evenings. For events, performances and exhibitions, please click **here**. [link news/events page]

On Tuesday evening, The Old Rep presented the iconic Three Degrees. It was a fun night and great experience for all our apprentices to work with such experienced stars.

Auditions are well underway for a number of performances. The Wind in the Willows rehearsals take place on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September. This is a unique opportunity to be in a professional performance and in a long running show (<https://goo.gl/S52310>).

A reminder we run The Old Rep Theatre and a 'Dedicate a Seat' programme. For £250 you can dedicate one of the seats to a person, cause or company. This makes a brilliant present, especially with Christmas coming up. Please help us to keep The Old Rep open and a resource for BOA students. For information about dedicating a seat please click here: <https://goo.gl/4eEVjA>.

We have finally been granted permission to erect a perimeter fence. This is being designed by Year 13 Art students alongside artist Tim Tolkien.

The BOA Reception is changing. All students, staff and visitors will be electronically logged in and out of the building. If you are coming to BOA as a visitor, please note you will be photographed on entry.

BOA's plans to open BOA 2 are well underway. We aim to open BOA Digital in Digbeth in September 2018. If you want more information about this, please go to www.boa-digital.co.uk.

I look forward to seeing you all over the course of the year.