

A message from our Headteacher

Our Academy is open! I have been waiting to say this for a very long time. I couldn't be more proud of our students as they walked nervously into the playground for the first time this week. It wasn't long before they started meeting old friends and making new ones.

It has been fun getting to know our new school for staff as well as students and I'm delighted how we're all settling in.

There has been a huge amount of work from all the staff to get us to this point and I wanted to thank all of them. Now the real fun can begin; working with and nurturing our students. We have a fantastic first term in store.

H. Bradburn



Science Labs almost finished

Our brand new science labs are almost ready and we can't wait to get in. We've not let the last of the building work stop our students starting their experiments though; this week the playground was our science lab as the students learnt about polymers and molecules. I wonder how many students recreated this experiment below at home?



Meet the Teachers

Bolder Academy has 18 members of staff and over the course of the next few weeks keep an eye out on the website as we begin to profile them.



Delicious lunches cooked fresh and eaten together

This week we piloted our family dining and it has gone down almost as brilliantly as the delicious food our new catering company are producing.

Family dining enables our students to sit down together and get to know each other.

Being part of a community we all have a role to play during lunch such as setting the table with the cutlery, pouring the water and serving the meal. We all discuss the topic of the day and at the end of the meal our students help clear the table, return plates and cutlery. They clear and wipe the table and help stack the chairs. So parents there should be no excuses doing the same at home!



Literacy mentors sign up to support Bolder Students

Over the course of the next term we have teamed up with Sky to provide us with fully trained literacy volunteers. We will be identifying students who need additional support and these volunteering mentors will be joining the school for weekly sessions.



Inspiring talks

We were delighted to welcome a whole host of speakers in the first week of school.

Last week award winning Children's author Sita Brahmachari (photographed below) dropped in to open our library and tell her story and talk about her passion for reading and writing.

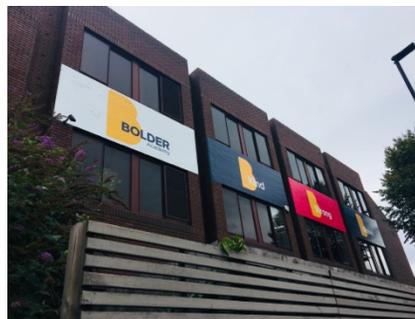


Travelling Safe

For many of our students this is the first time they have had to travel to school on their own. We are supporting them by meeting them at bus stops, asking parents to keep clear of the yellow lines and letting them hear from STARs.

Thanks to Georgina from Transport for London for coming in to talk to our year 7s about eco leadership.

Can we also continue to be kind to our new neighbours by not parking outside the school.



Spread the word to friends about our Open days

Starting from next week we are hosting a whole calendar of open mornings, afternoons and evenings.

It will be a great chance for parents of year 5 and year 6 to come along and hear from the headteacher. Take a look at the website www.bolderacademy.co.uk/ for more details.

What's coming up?

We welcome recently crowned European Sprint Champion Imani Lansiquot to speak to the students next week.

We also have a festival of sport planned for the 26th September. On the event day, the young people rotate around a series of sports taster sessions and learn valuable skills such as teamwork, communication and as well finding new sports to love.

The sports confirmed are rugby, basketball, street dance, karate and tennis, athletics and netball.

The legacy of the day is that students can continue these sports in local clubs or start their own club at the school.



And finally...

A request from the Art department. We need old magazines which we can use for collage in the art lessons. Please hunt around the house and drop some at reception. We'd really appreciate it.