

A Message from our Chair



On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to welcome you to the very first term at Bolder Academy. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at Open Evenings last year and I'm delighted that so many of you decided to send your child to Bolder and join us as history-makers in setting up this new school in Hounslow. We are very pleased with how the building has been refurbished over the summer, giving it a real "wow" factor.

Both staff and students have taken part in an innovative and exciting induction programme, very much enriched by input from our partners at Sky.

Governors will receive reports on the progress students are making during the year.

We invite you to "Meet the Governing Board" and learn about what we do, on the Academy website.

You will see that two of our governors are Bolder parents. In the spring term, after you have had a term to get to know the Academy and other parents, we will be inviting nominations for two parent governor positions on the Board.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions but please note that any matters or concerns regarding your child should always be raised with the Academy, initially with the form tutor.

Our new Student Council takes shape



We have recently formed a Student Council to give students their voice. They recently supported us by showing prospective parents/carers around and answered their many questions. There was lots of great feedback and one parent said:

"Adam and Jayden were perfect hosts, very professional and spoke well. Their knowledge of what they do was amazing!"

Sprint Star Inspires



Imani Lansiquot dropped into Bolder Academy this month after recently sprinting to European Glory this Summer.

The 100 metres champion inspired the students with her story and related to all of them as they begin their journey in secondary school. She echoed our values of kindness, strength and bravery and how she calls on them all the time in her career. She provided real

motivation to both students and teachers and we hope to welcome her back.

Sky Sports Festival



Last week 30 of our new sports leaders teamed up with 25 volunteers from Sky Sports to arrange a sports festival for all 150 Bolder Academy students and 80 students from local primary schools. The sports on show were karate, rugby, athletics, basketball, tennis and street dancing. Community coaches from each sport were on hand to lead the sessions. Chris Parrot, Sky Sports volunteer said:

“For us who work at Sky Sport this was a great opportunity to be reminded of that first moment where we found a life-long-passion. To be a part of it was tremendously rewarding and well worth the burst eardrums and worn out voice boxes! I would do it again in a heartbeat!”

An Inspector Calls

As a new school we have regular visits from the Department of Education to see how we are getting on. Last week Mr Hart visited the Academy, observed lessons, ate lunch during family dining and talked with students, parents and staff alike. Thank you to all of those involved. The visit went really well.

Aim Higher

We are about to start work with Aim Higher to make sure we provide ample opportunities for students to think about their future. Aim Higher is an organisation that works with young people to get into university. You can never be too young to think about this!

Free Half-Term Cinema Tickets!

This half-term on October 24th at 1:30pm we have teamed up with Sky Cinema to offer an exclusive screening for Bolder Academy of **Star Wars - The Last Jedi**. This will be introduced by the lead model maker from the film who will talk for 20 minutes. The movie is a 12A. Films rated 12A are suitable for children aged 12 and over.

However, people younger than 12 may see a 12A so long as they are accompanied by an adult. In such circumstances, responsibility for allowing a child under 12 to view lies with the accompanying adult. If you are keen to come along email enquiries@bolderacademy.co.uk to reserve your place stating the students name and number of guests (Max 4). But be quick we only have 200 spaces in the cinema!

Free Porridge

The Pantry are working closely with us to provide free porridge for the next three weeks. Keep warm and join us from 8.15-8.40am.

Don't Forget to...

Label all PE kit and Academy uniform we don't want items getting lost.

Ensure your child has enough smoney on their Parent Pay account so that they can have a meal.

Spread the word about our Open Evenings. We were delighted to have had a packed audience at West Thames College last week.

Our next event is on 17th October at 7:00pm. Alternatively parents can pop into one of our mornings on 4th, 9th, 11th, 30th October (9.20am).