

Dates for your Diary

End of Term arrangements:

The Academy will close at 1.55pm on Friday
17th December 2010

Spring Term

We reopen Tuesday 4th January 2011

Examinations (January series) 2011

GCE and GCSE examinations commence
Monday 10th January to Wednesday 2nd
February.

(Students have individual timetables with dates and
times of examinations)

Message from the Governors

Hello

The University Academy
Keighley has been formally
operating for a term now and it
is wonderful to have this
opportunity as Chair of
Governors to write to you in
our brilliant newsletter.

Our Academy is a partnership between the University, the
Council and most importantly our communities. It has been a
busy time for us all, putting in place the changes we
needed to make as we have closed the school and opened
the Academy. As Governors we feel we have inherited a
brilliant staff team and student body, which with our
Principal will make sure that our Academy becomes central
to the communities of Keighley and continues to be a
sought after place for learning.

It is great to see the difference the Academy is making;
many of you have remarked how fantastic our students look
in their new uniforms. It is also good to hear about the
activities, learning achievements and the awards and
trophies our students have gained; you will be able to read
about some of these in the newsletter.

The Governors are supported by our clerk Barbara
Blackham who has helped develop the sub committees of
the Board of Governors. The purpose of the committees is
to make sure that we as Governors are concentrating our
energies on the areas of the Academy which most need it.
These are: Finance and general purposes, Children,
Families and Community and the Standards and
Achievement committees.

We are currently working to ensure a smooth move
into our new Academy premises which you can see is
going to be 'a state of the art' building. We are
planning to move in late spring next year but we will
keep you updated as things progress.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know
more about the work of the Governing body and the
plans for the University Academy Keighley. Also,
please tell me about your challenges and successes as I
aim to ensure that we, as governors play a very active
role in the life of the Academy and all our communities.

I wish you all a good Christmas break and a happy and
healthy new year.

Nadira Mirza
Chair of Governors
University Academy Keighley



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Newsletter

Issue 1, Autumn - Winter 2010

Welcome from the Principal



Welcome to the
University Academy
Keighley. I am very
pleased to be able to
introduce you to what I
believe is the most
exciting new
development in
education provision in
Keighley for some
years.

Our vision is a clear and simple one. We will
support the learning of all our students to the
highest standards possible. To do this, we will
pursue new and exciting technologies that will
assist all learners in their educational journey.

We expect our students to wear our uniform with
pride, have excellent attendance and punctuality,
behave appropriately and work to the best of their
ability.

I hope this newsletter provides you with a taste of
what the new Academy offers and the exciting
events that our students have been involved in this
term.

Mrs PM McCarthy
Principal
University Academy Keighley.

Primary Maths Challenge



In November, we welcomed four of our local
primary school to participate in the Primary
Mathematics Challenge. Year Five students began
the day working on mathematical tasks that would
help them prepare for the individual challenge later
in the day. After lunch, students worked in teams
with our Year 7 and UAK6 students on
mathematical puzzles.

Throughout the day Mrs
Aziz and Mr Wilson
awarded points not only
for correct solutions but
for students showing
resilience and team
work.

Competition Results:
Congratulations to
Sarah McQuillan who
achieved the highest
score on the individual challenge.

The school results were:

1st Place St Mary's CE Riddlesden
2nd Place Parkside
3rd Place Victoria Primary
4th Place Eastwood.

Winners were awarded prizes and all participants
were awarded certificates by our Principal Mrs
McCarthy at our award ceremony in the afternoon.

The aim of the day has
been summarised by one of
our visitors in their
feedback;

"... the best day of my life.
I liked today and found out
Maths is actually fun".
Thank you to all who made
this a really successful day.



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We are now accepting enquiries for our Sixth Form, UAK6.

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your interest by
visiting
www.uak.org.uk
and following the
links or phone and
make an
appointment to see us!



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Aim Higher Update.....

Aimhigher... How high can you go?
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Sixth Former Zulfiqar Shah has scooped a Student of the Month nomination from the Aimhigher West Yorkshire team. Zulfiqar was put forward because of the outstanding work he did during his Summer School at Leeds Met University. Well done!



UAK has also re-launched the new cohort of Aimhigher students and offered many students the opportunity to take part in Aimhigher's special initiatives.

And what a very busy time we've had! In September, Sixth Formers visited Bradford University to learn more about 'Pathways To Pharmacy' and attended a UCAS Convention to gain valuable information about applying for university. In October we launched 'Tomorrow's Teachers Today' at the Midland Hotel, Bradford. This was an invitation to successful applicants in year 9 and 12 and for past students to receive their certificates. Students on this programme have already started their training, as pictured above. November saw the launch of 'Tomorrow's Health Professionals Today'. Even though it was Eid, students came to this event and we now have 6 Year 9 students, 5 year 12 Students together with year 10 and 13 students on this programme.

Other trips have included students visiting Liverpool University, followed by a trip to Liverpool Football Club and the Albert Docks. These students have also been invited to London for the Day in April.



Murder Mystery Maths



A murder has been committed and the only way to solve the mystery is by using mathematical skill! That was the exciting prospect which faced a group of students from year 7 and 8 who attended a special Gifted and Talented Workshop, in October.

The group started the day with a confidence boosting session and made friends with students from other schools in the region, who were also attending. With their new friends they learnt new mathematical methods, which allowed them to solve problems based on real life. Finally they were asked to solve a murder, with clues that could only be deciphered by using their new found mathematical skill, knowledge and confidence.



The afternoon involved the students preparing and presenting their findings to the rest of the group.

The Continent Comes to Keighley!

Taste buds were tickled when students cooked and served up treats as part of the school's joint celebrations for National Spanish and European Day of Languages. Years 7 took a break from their usual language lessons to join kitchen staff and help prepare a special themed European menu. They prepared and served Tortilla Española, Ratatouille and Calzone pizza.....Yummy!



Other groups made table decorations, menus and flags to adorn the dining hall and produced a PowerPoint display and played Spanish music to encourage fellow pupils to get into the continental spirit.



Lubna and Sohail reporting on NEPTUNE'S Community Challenge week charity event.

Lubna:

Our form did two things for CIN and the Floods in Pakistan appeal.

We first did a raffle for an i-pod shuffle and then sold food for charity which was really popular. Our form teacher Dr Slade said that we had all tried our best to raise money. We are pleased with the amount we raised. Pictured with Dr Slade is Madhia, our raffle winner.



Shail:

Mrs Thompson helped our class make a chocolate cake which we raffled. Mr Hussain the science teacher won it and he was really happy. We raised £82.29 which I thought was a lot of money. I helped to make some posters and put them up around school. I also helped to decide how much each raffle ticket should cost.



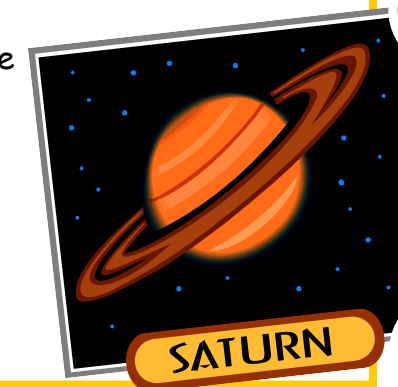
Salma here, I'm going tell you about our event for Saturn's Community Challenge.

Our form sold food at break time. I provided the samosas and some chocolates.

All the girls in our form gathered together and sold the food. A few girls from Mrs Facey's form also joined in to help.



The teachers that helped us were Mrs Roberts, Mr Habib and Mr Amjid. We would like to say a big thankyou for their support and a big thank you to everyone who donated their money.



Bilal, Hajra and Christine reporting for Jupiter's Community Challenge.

Bilal:

Our form sold a range of Asian food. This experience was immense and reminded me of "Hell's Kitchen" with Miss Aziz as Gordon Ramsey! It was an experience I will never forget. I would certainly like to do it again with my form. We raised over £250 selling our food. The kebab sandwiches were really popular.

Asda Charity Bag Pack

Christine:

The Asda event was an excellent experience because it gave us students the opportunity to work with the staff at Asda. My sister was amazing at the event because she came up with the idea of making Pudsey dance. One generous member of the public donated £60. Thank you to all who donated on that evening.

Hajra:

The ASDA event was "Sooo brilliant!"



Ansa and Sidra report for Mercury.

Ansa:

In November Mercury went to the Imax as a reward for the best parade in our July challenge event. We watched a 3D space movie that lasted half an hour. For the rest of the time we walked around the Film and



Photography Museum. It was cool! We saw props from the 'Eastenders' and 'Coronation Street' sets and played in the arcade. Disaster struck when we were about to leave as two girls were missing in our head count! Thankfully all ended well!

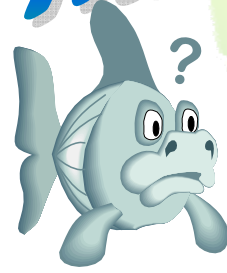
Equality and Diversity Awards: 20/10/2010

Sidra:

We set off at around 7.30am with Mr Wilson trying to be cheerful; it was too early in the morning for it though. The hotel looked nice when we arrived in Sheffield. At first, some people from the university came to explain Diversity through Drama. Then it was time for the awards. We were upset when we came second but delighted with our cheque for £150 and trophy. Then came lunch and the long drive back home. I tried not to fall asleep but unfortunately I did. When we got to school Mr Wilson said "Give me my trophy" as a joke.



There's Been Something 'Fishy' Going On at UAK



In September students were given the opportunity to try their hand at fly fishing guided under the expert eye of Charles Jardine; as part of their Leisure and Tourism studies. Mr Jardine, who is an internationally renowned fly fisherman, was joined by Ian Oates from Calder & Colne Rivers Trust, David Higgins of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and John Blewitt from S.P.R.I.T.E. With this many experts on hand there was no way students were not destined to have a good time!



The first task was to get to grips with the anatomy of fish and understand the importance and the complexities of river ecology. Students then learnt more about the mechanics of fishing, making their own fly hooks and assembling a rod and trying to cast a fishing line.



The group went to Raygill Fisheries near Lothersdale to test their new skills and catch their own fish; they also took a walk in the beautiful scenery to learn even more about the industry and economy surrounding country pursuits.

Unfortunately the day was cold and wet and the fish were not biting, only one prize catch was made by Sohail. But despite that, everyone had a brilliant time out in the fresh air.



VIVO REWARD MILES

How to earn yours...

VIVO's will be awarded to you for showing a commitment to the qualities of the Six R's!

REASONING... Effective participator. Problem solver. Mediator.

REFLECTION... Understanding my Strengths and weaknesses. Understanding consequences. Setting myself targets

RESILIENCE... Self manager. Self motivated. Determined. Showing initiative.

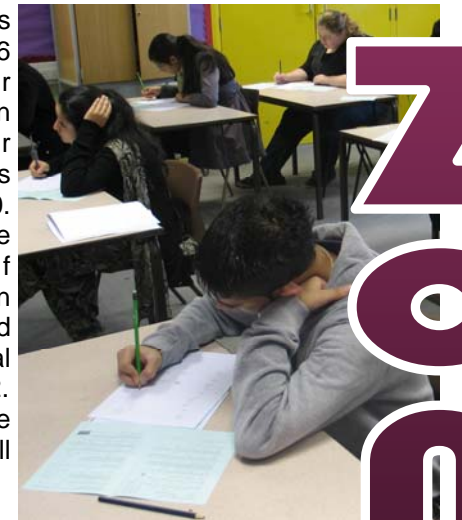
RESOURCEFULNESS... Creative thinker. Analytical skills. Alternative solutions

RESPECT... Team worker. Listens. Co-operates. Learns from others

RESPONSIBILITY... Independent learner. Planner & organiser. Problem solver and questioner.

Senior Maths Challenge Success

Congratulations to our UAK6 students for participating in the Senior Mathematics Challenge 2010. We had a large number of entries. Best in School award went to Bilal Shah in Year 12. Certificates were awarded to all participants.



North, East & West Team Up!

UAK has teamed up with Wensleydale school in North Yorkshire and Driffield School in East Yorkshire on a Linking Project designed to broaden everyone's cultural experiences. The schools visited us in December, battling through snow, to give their students the opportunity to try a few new and exciting experiences.



They visited a mosque, tried Bollywood dancing, made a pod cast and enjoyed some challenging maths. The day gave students from very different

backgrounds and towns to learn a little more about each other and bring a better understanding of Yorkshire's cultural diversity.



Charity Week and Pudsey's Finale

Students have just finished a mammoth fortnight of fund raising fun involving the whole academy in our first Community Challenge which raised nearly £4000 for good causes.

Students and staff pulled together for the Challenge and have baked, cooked, raffled and eaten their way through a variety of activities from; food stalls, fashion shows!?! , sponsored silences, tombolas, barbecues, car washes, dancing competitions and sports tournaments to raise a staggering £2000 plus. The grand finale of the Community Challenge raised £1182 through a charity bag pack event supported by ASDA supermarket in Keighley, which took place over 4 hours on Children in Need night.

The evening involved nearly 50 UAK students and numerous academy staff who volunteered their time to pack bags for customers in return for donations, Pudsey Bear also made a guest appearance, to entertain younger visitors, and ASDA staff joined in the fun with fancy dress and prize raffles. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have praised the generosity of ASDA customers.



Our world is our community

Students from the Interact Club have been working with the Keighley Rotary Club. The photos show preparations being made for a host of purple crocuses to emerge in Spring. The tubs and pots of flowers will be sold in early January to raise funds for the Rotary Club. Their chosen charity is to raise funds for the eradication of polio from the world. Any monies raised will be matched by Bill Gates. The purple colour symbolises the colour of the dye placed on the finger of those in the third world who have received the vaccination. Earlier in the term our UAK Interact club had attended the Rotary district conference in Harrogate where they addressed the whole conference about their charity work, manned a stall and sold purple wrist bands.



Students from the Interact Club have been working with the Keighley Rotary Club. The photos show preparations being made for a host of



have challenged their own attitudes and aspirations.

The academy, which was nominated in September, also took part in a special film where student ambassadors, Joe Grasham and Sidra Iqbal were interviewed and showcased the work being undertaken in the academy to make it a safe and inclusive place in which to learn. The film obviously impressed the judges who placed us in the 'Highly Commended' category, beating five other service providers.

And the Trophies Keep Coming...

Well done to Abraar, Adnan, Akaash, Hasan and Zeshan, who won the Three Valleys Partnership and West Yorkshire Police cricket tournament and they came second in the football too! Well done lads, that's the first UAK trophy.



Our Sixth Form quiz team triumph again, the 'UAK Quiz Kidz' defended their Bradford University Schools Quiz title in October. The quiz, which was sponsored by The Royal Society of Chemistry, involved teams from all over the Yorkshire region so the teams success, for the second time, was quite some achievement. Well done! The photo shows our magnificent winners!! Saima, Katherine, Ruhel, Aklimah, Hina, Tabbasam and Amirah.

Award Winners!

The Academy has been recognised and 'Highly Commended' for its commitment in the category of 'Embedding Equality and Diversity' with an award from 'The Yorkshire & Humber Providers Equality Network'. Staff and students attended the Regional Diversity Champions awards ceremony in October at Sheffield, where UAK was the only school to receive recognition.

The academy has worked hard to show how much it values students and has created a tolerant and accepting environment. This award not only recognises the Academy for its achievement but more importantly its students who

Extending a welcome to Thailand

Plans are afoot to twin UAK with a school in Thailand with the help of a former Keighley pupil, Lord Phillip Royle, who joined the army and made a new life for himself in the Thai Government.



Lord Royle, who is now director of the Thai Government's Foreign Department, specialising in English education, brought 28 Thai officials to the school on a whistle stop tour of Britain. They visited the Academy with a view to twinning it with a secondary school in Kanchanaburi. It is hoped that the schools can arrange exchange visits to enable both nationalities to learn more about each other's cultures and approaches to education.

Pictured below, being congratulated by friends, is Ali Shah Hussain who won this year's LSU Table Tennis Tournament in November. Well done Ali!



Table Tennis Champ