



Ron Skelton M.Ed. B Phil. B.Ed (Hons). NPQH. LLE. FRSA

Headteacher of Broadway Academy, The Broadway, Birmingham B20 3DP

Our Children, Our Community, Believe it can be done!

Headteacher's 'Thought for the week'

Peter Hill, who served in the Navy for 35 years from the age of 16 gave an assembly to our sixth form students about the opportunity to go on a 'Tall Ships' voyage this summer. I was delighted with the response - over 30 students showed an expression of interest. Whilst the results in the sixth form are very good the extracurricular programme is also fantastic! In February 2016 Ofsted said the following about Broadway Academy sixth form:

'The sixth form meets the 16-19 study programme requirements. Leaders focus on ensuring that learners develop socially and emotionally as well as academically. The sixth form curriculum is appropriate and meets the needs of the vast majority of learners. The qualifications they achieve enable them to take up places in higher education, training or employment. There is a wide range of enrichment activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, sports leader awards and social and business enterprise activities. Learners benefit from high quality careers information advice and guidance and take part in work experience...'

It would be wonderful to see Broadway staff and students charter a Tall Ship on one of the world's great oceans! Peter Hill left us with a poem which he wrote when he was en route to the Antipodes in 1997.

WANDERING ALBATROSS

Grey broad-winged pilgrim
Of the Southern Ocean
What sights embrace
Your gale embattled flight?
Lone circumnavigator
Skilled in graceful motion
Over awesome, rolling seas
Of massive height.

What drives you onwards
Over trackless wastes
Who powers the energetic
Pulse within
Can you be master
Of this dreadful place
Do you know secrets
Past my mind and kin?

Grey seabird of
The Southern Ocean wild
How many winds have raised
Your sculptured span
What sailors' tales
Are daily life to you
How many storms have bruised
Your ancient clan?

Peter Hill 1997

As we approach the exam season year 11 students must be revising every day and attend every intervention that is available to them. Hard work beats talent. Our Children, Our Community, Believe it can be done!

Best wishes
Mr Skelton

Year 9 boys' football

Broadway vs St John Wall

This Wednesday we entertained top of the league St John Wall in what would prove to be our toughest test. Both teams started the game at a very frantic pace with both eager to win the ball, a slight change in formation from us due to the loss of a couple of key players. The game was a 50/50 contest until around 15 minutes when St John Wall scored a close range rebound after a superb save from our captain for the day - Chohan. This was the first time under new management that we had gone a goal down. Fair play to the boys who responded brilliantly with Kasib, Humza and Zayd working tirelessly in the middle of the park. Our pressure soon told as we gained a goal back to draw level and then soon after scored again to take a 2 - 1 lead into half time, Bilal and Zayd with the goals. This was by far our toughest test but also our best performance by far. It was definitely a game of 2 halves and many would have thought we would of just parked the bus but we controlled the second half by adding 4 more goals and only conceding one. This was a very good performance and I couldn't be prouder of the boys' effort and conduct throughout the game.

Final result 6 - 2.



Tennis coaching

Broadway students meet the Duchess of Gloucester

On Saturday, a select group of tennis enthusiasts got the opportunity to receive 2 hours of quality tennis coaching at the Sports Hub at Holford Drive. During this time they were lucky enough to meet the Duchess of Gloucester who was on her way to the Davis Cup match between Great Britain and Japan in Birmingham. The boys enjoyed telling the Duchess about their sporting opportunities at Broadway and she commented on how polite they were but also how enthusiastic they were about sport and tennis in particular. The Broadway PE department will be restarting the after school tennis club at the Sports Hub in the summer in the hope that more of our students progress to playing the sport at club level. Raheem H. in year 10 has already been asked to join the training sessions that run on a Tuesday evening and Sunday morning by the Holford Drive Tennis Club.

For more information see Mr Taylor/Miss Taylor or go to the following link <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/venues/venue-details/?externalId=1-VIMI46>



Mr Taylor with the Duchess and the Davis Cup



Smiling faces from the boys on their return to school

Behind the scenes at the Davis Cup

On Tuesday 1st March, 14 Broadway Academy pupils travelled to the Barclaycard Arena to watch Jamie Murray and Dominic Inglot prepare for their Davis cup game against Japan. The pupils saw how the players trained, and then had the opportunity to ask Dominic Inglot questions. From his responses the pupils found out what his aspirations were after last year's Davis Cup success and also what his favourite lesson at school other than PE was. The pupils also had the opportunity to find out about working in the media and how to host a tennis event. The final event during the day was for the pupils to see the Davis Cup.



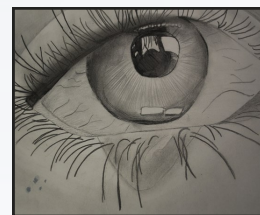
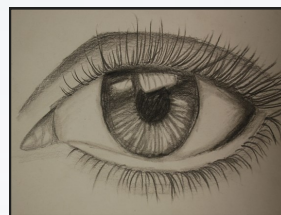
Year 8 girls' football team

On Wednesday, the year 8 girl's football team took part in the Aston Villa Football Club Regional Premier League Tournament. During the tournament the pupils won one match, drew two games and narrowly lost 6 games. The pupils finished the tournament in 7th place - a fantastic achievement against strong opposition.

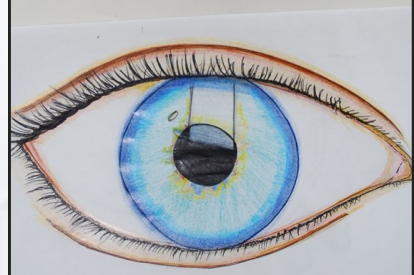
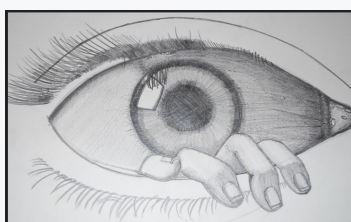
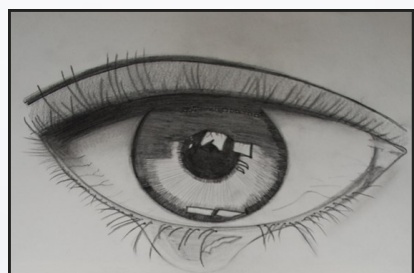
Player of the tournament: Yasmin Z and Fartun H.



As part of their preparation for the forthcoming GCSE art exam, pupils sat a 5 hour Mock practise. This was centred on their recently distributed exam paper where pupils have to select a question from the 12 starting points issued by the exam board. Most of the year 11 pupils choose to interpret the question 'Tranquil and Eyes' within this mock preparation period. During the controlled time within the hall, students were busy producing a variety of different work in a variety of media, to add to their portfolio of work. As you can see, we had some great work produced in the time which will be a great base for pupils to continue to work upon to hopefully realise their full potential and gain another set of great results for the department this year.



Some of the excellent work produced during the mock, in materials such as pencil, Biro, pen and wash, paint, charcoal. They show the creativity and skill Broadway student's possess



Titan Initial Teacher Training

Are you interested in starting a rewarding teaching career which will make a difference to children in Birmingham?

Titan ITT are currently recruiting for Early Years, Primary and Secondary courses starting in September 2016, across a variety of subjects. To make an application visit the UCAS website.

For more information about our courses and entry requirements, please visit our website

www.titanteachertraining.co.uk

or contact us on

0121 212 4567.



WHY TRAIN WITH TITAN?



ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

TRAINEES ARE GIVEN A LAPTOP TO USE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AS WELL AS A BANK OF IPADS TO USE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS & TRAINING

PERSONALISED TRAINING

SMALL NUMBERS ALLOW FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE, PERSONALISED APPROACH TO YOUR TEACHING





SCHOOL BASED TRAINING

TRAINEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET TEACHING FROM THE START OF THE PROGRAMME, MAKING OUR TRAINEES HIGHLY EMPLOYABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT WWW.TITANTEACHERTRAINING.CO.UK

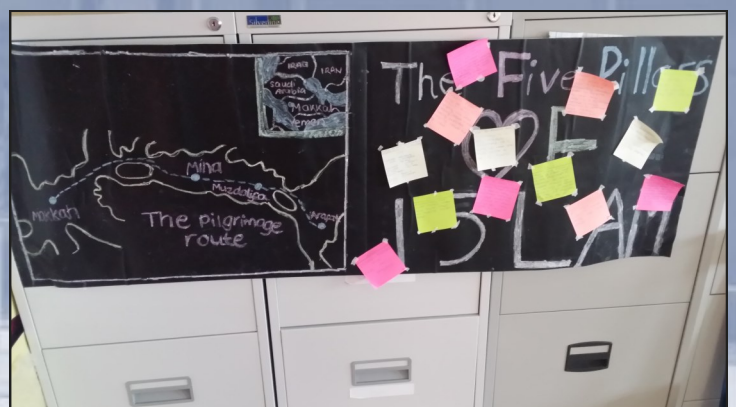
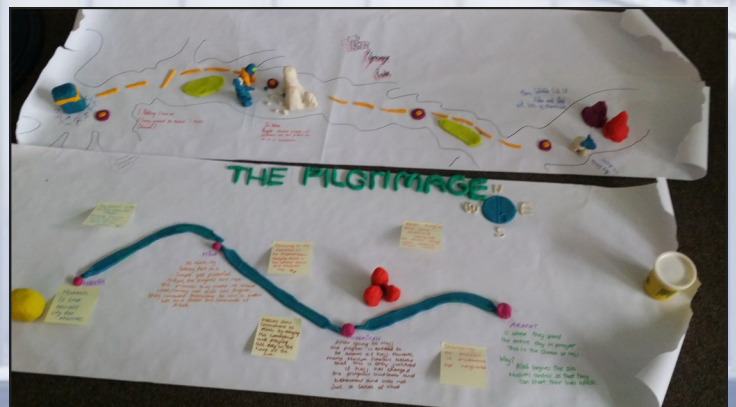
Stronger Together

19 female pupils from year 9 and 10 took part in the Stronger Together event hosted by Aston Villa Football Club in connection to International Women's Day and This Girl Can. The pupils took part in a sports related conference looking at the opportunities that sport can offer them. Guest speakers with inspirational experiences included Corrine Mitchell who set up her own coaching company and has travelled to various countries such as Africa and India to coach disadvantaged pupils, Aston Villa Ladies Football Club first team regular Katie Wilkinson, and Suzanne Virdee a journalist who has recently published 'A teenage girl's guide to being fabulous.' The final guest speaker at the event was Maryam R., a pupil from Broadway who was inspired to participate in sport through the various activities and events which are provided by the Premier League for Sport programme and extracurricular activities provided by the school. The key message from all of the guest speakers was that you can achieve every dream you have if you believe in yourself. The pupils then took part in a variety of activities including boxercise, tennis, golf and table tennis. All of the activities are designed for girls to get involved in sport and have fun with their friends. Broadway run girls only sports activities both after school and at lunchtimes. Come along and try them out.



RE revision material

In Mr Virk's year 9 R.E class, students were asked to create a revision material which could be used to teach other students content on the hajj rituals or about the importance of the Five Pillars of Islam. Students were very engaged and worked well in teams as they split areas of focus between themselves. Using blackboard foil and play-dough, they produced excellent pieces of work.



What is - and isn't - legal online?

There are plenty of laws governing online behaviour – but because the issues are so new, people are often in the dark about exactly what is and isn't legal when it comes to tech. Here's our quick guide to the legal status of a few common (and sometimes confusing!) online activities.

Streaming films

Downloading or streaming (ie. viewing content without downloading the file) of films and television shows can be legal or illegal, depending where you're getting the content from.

Many sites allow people to view unauthorised video content, but it is illegal to host or link to this. In the UK, it's been determined that sites like The Pirate Bay, one of the most notorious sources for unauthorised video, must be blocked by internet service providers.

The law is more complicated when it comes to individual users who simply view unauthorised content (rather than copy, download or host it), but clearly it's best to avoid using any sites which are operating illegally.

There are legal services that allow you to view video content, including Netflix, Apple TV and Amazon Prime. Most charge for their services.

Downloading music

Increasingly, young people are listening to music through streaming services such as Spotify. These come in free versions (in Spotify's case, with ads) and paid-for. With the premium, paid-for service, users can download playlists to listen to their playlists offline, although they have to go back on Spotify every 30 days. (So it's not the same as a normal download, where you own the song).

Downloading became commonplace before people started listening to music in the cloud (ie. streamed). A 2009 report* suggested that 95% of music available online was being downloaded illegally. So illegal music downloading was, and probably still is, the easiest way for average young people to break the law online. It was becoming next to impossible for the music industry to enforce the regulations.

Users who download copyrighted material without paying for it are unlikely to face legal consequences, especially where they're doing it only for personal use. That said, in principle, excessive downloaders could face warning letters, disconnection of internet service and potentially even lawsuits.

There are plenty of free and legal ways to listen to music online. There are some legal free download sites, like Free Music Archive; and Last.fm and artists' Facebook pages sometimes make free downloads available legally. Here's a quick rundown of some places to legally access and download free music:

Listening to music:

- Spotify – a music streaming service. Paid accounts are ad-free, offer different levels of access (ie on mobile too) and offline listening (of up to 3,333 songs at once).

The free version also offers a range of services.

- Rdio – the main competitor to Spotify. Many similar features, though a slightly smaller catalogue of songs (still more than 20 million!) No ads, but a limited number of streams per song per month. Prices for the paid-for versions are similar to Spotify's.
- YouTube – online video giant YouTube works with music companies to host millions of free music videos. Other video sites, like Vevo, can also be good sources.
- Newer services like Xbox Music and Sony's Music Unlimited are coming into the market – this is a fast-moving space.

Legal free downloads:

- Amazon – Surprising as it may seem given their significant selection of music to purchase, Amazon also makes lots of tracks available to download free of charge.
- Last.fm – popular music recommendation service Last.fm also provides a selection of free downloads.
- Free Music Archive – one of the largest and most popular sources of free downloads, this site only hosts free content.
- Jamendo – using a Creative Commons license, Jamendo has a large collection of free music.

Source: Parentzone

For more information please visit: www.parentzone.org.uk

Values focus of the week

ASPIRE

The verb ASPIRE commonly means to aim or shoot for a desire, ambition; to want to achieve something in your personal life, in your education or in your career.

ASPIRE TO CLIMB

What will you do with your future? You have two choices:

- You can choose to survive OR
- You can choose to succeed

If you choose to succeed and commit to focused goals—**ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!**

Why? Because you were born to succeed—you were born to achieve. You can fly as high as you want to. Your best can still be in front of you. Your future is in your hands. Inside you is untapped potential.. You can achieve whatever you put your mind to. So choose to:

- THINK BIG!
- ASPIRE to climb as high as you can!

HOW TO ASPIRE TO BE GREAT!

- Increase your confidence
- Seize the opportunities in your path
- Step forward daily—unleash your untapped power
- Don't forget to decide what you want
- Prepare for your successes—believe in yourself— avoid the negative

REMEMBER: AVOID THE NEGATIVE

Spring Showcase

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

6.30pm - Drama Studio 2

Refreshments available before and after the Showcase

**Come and listen to a variety of
musical performances performed
by students at Broadway Academy**

Tickets

£3 per adult

£2 per child

	Lunchtime			After School		
Monday	Boxing	Fitness Suite	Coach - Sean	Y10 & Y11 Football	Astro	Mr Robbins
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Mis Taylor	Girls Fitness	Fitness Suite	Miss Bolton
	Cricket	Gym	Mr French	Girls Multi-sports	Gym	Mrs Webb
				Table-Tennis	Sports Hall	Mr Mitford
Tuesday	Y11 Football	Sports Hall	Mr Taylor	Y7 Football	Astro	Mr Khan
	Boxing	Fitness Suite	Coach - Sean	Badminton	Sports Hall	Mr French
	Y8 Football	Gym	Mr Khan	Girls Fitness	Fitness Suite	Miss Bolton
				Karate	Gym	Coach
Wednesday	Girls Basketball	Gym	Miss Taylor	6th form Football	Astro	Mr Taylor
	Y10 Football	Sports Hall	Mr Taylor	Rising Stars Football	Astro	Mr Taylor
	Boxing	Fitness Suite	Coach - Sean	Boys Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr Khan
Thursday	Y8 Cricket	Gym	Mr Robbins	Tennis	Sports Hall	Miss Taylor
	Boxing	Fitness Suite	Coach - Sean	Boys Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr Khan
	Y11 Football	Sports Hall	Mr Taylor	Yr9 Football	Astro	Mr French
Friday	Girls Football	Gym	Miss Taylor	Girls Football	Astro	Miss Taylor
	Boxing	Fitness Suite	Coach - Sean	Girls Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr Khan
	Friday Prayers Sports Hall			Table- Tennis	Gym	Mr Robbins
				Judo	Drama 2	Coach
				Cricket	Sports Hall	Coach

Extra Curricular Activities - Whole School

	Lunchtime			After School		
Monday	Keyboard Club	Purple 1	12.20pm	School Play Rehearsal	Studio	Until 4.30pm
	Drama Club	Studio		Food Club	Red 4	3.05 - 4.05pm
	Maths Enrichment Club	Maths		Health and Social Care Intervention	Red 6	3.05 - 4.05pm
	DT Coursework Club KS4	Red 9	12.20pm			
	Health and Social Care Homework Club	Red 6	12.20pm			
	Computing Club	Red 1	Starting in November			
	Homework Club	Yellow 2				
Tuesday	Percussion Ensemble	Purple 1	12.20pm	School Play Rehearsal	Studio	Until 4.30pm
	KS4 Band Rehearsal	Purple 2 Practice Room	12.20pm			
	Chess Club	Maths	12.20pm			
	Art Club KS3	Red 7	12.20pm			
	DT Coursework Club KS4	Red 9	12.20pm			
	Textiles Club KS3	Red 3	12.20pm			
	Health and Social Care Homework Club	Red 6	12.20pm			
	Debating Society - 'controversial movies' Y8	Pink 5	12.40 - 1.05pm			
	Geography - Documentary club KS3	Pink 9	12.25 - 1.00pm			

Extra Curricular Activities - Whole School

	Lunchtime			After School		
Wednesday	Orchestra	Purple 1	12.20pm	Tech / Voc Homework Club	Pink 1	3.05 - 4.05pm
	Art Club KS4	Red 7	12.20pm	ICT Intervention	Red 2	3.05 - 4.05pm
	DT Coursework Club KS4	Red 9	12.20pm	Art Intervention	Red 8	3.05 - 4.05pm
	Health and Social Care Homework Club	Red 6	12.20pm			
	Science Club	Orange 9	12.20pm			
	Literacy Games Club	English				
	Y11 art Intervention	Red 8				
Thursday	Origami Club	Maths		School Play Rehearsal	Studio	Until 4.30pm
	DT Coursework Club KS4	Red 9	12.20pm	KS4 Graphics Intervention	Red 10	3.05 - 4.05pm
	Health and Social Care Homework Club	Red 6	12.20pm	KS4 Textiles Intervention	Red 3	3.05 - 4.05pm
	SEN Art Club	Red 8				
Friday	Guitar Ensemble	Purple 1	12.20pm			
	DT Coursework Club KS4	Red 9	12.20pm			
	Health and Social Care Homework Club	Red 6	12.20pm			
	History Club	Pink 7				
	Chess Club	Orange 9				
	Catch Up Art Club - All years	Red 8				