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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted that you have been allocated a place for your child at the Bishop Young Church of England Academy from September 2026. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure that they gain the most from their time with us as we prepare them for life beyond school. Whether this will be your first child to join us, or you already have children within our community, we are excited to welcome them.

We are very proud of the school we have become and the journey we have taken in recent years. Following our **Ofsted** inspection in March 2024, we were delighted to secure a GOOD rating in every judgement area – a significant milestone for our school. Inspectors recognised our high expectations, ambitious curriculum, inclusive environment and the high standard of work produced by our students, alongside the strong support in place for those with additional needs.

While we are proud of this achievement, we remain ambitious. This outcome marked the beginning of our next chapter, not the end of the story. We continue to build on this success and look forward to welcoming Ofsted back during the 2026/27 academic year, when we will have the opportunity to showcase the further improvements we have made.

Please take time to read the full report linked below.

<https://www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk/academy-information/ofsted>

We were also judged an **EXCELLENT** church school in our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection in June 2023. Inspectors highlighted how our Christian vision underpins every aspect of academy life, how difference and diversity are celebrated, and how our rich curriculum – enhanced by trips and wider opportunities – raises aspirations and broadens horizons.

If you would like to read the full report, please visit our website:

<https://www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk/academy-information/siams>

We are particularly pleased with the recognition that this work has received from organisations such as The Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools, who have awarded us their Gold Standard, and who stated that BYA "is inspiring to work with and demonstrates an absolute commitment to the young people and their families."

In addition, we are proud to have been formally recognised as a School of Sanctuary, reflecting our commitment to being a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all members of our community. We have also recently been awarded the Silver CCQM (Cultural Cohesion Quality Mark), recognising the strength of our work in promoting inclusion, diversity, social responsibility and community cohesion across the academy. These achievements reflect our deep commitment to ensuring that every student feels valued, respected and empowered to succeed.



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We have also achieved Healthy Schools, MindMate friendly and PSHE friendly status. Inspectors noted that "Everything that Bishop Young Academy do centres around developing the whole child with the understanding that basic needs have to be met first and foremost. Staff are passionate and committed to this shared priority and they go the extra mile to improve students' lives and provide them with a positive and fully inclusive learning experience"

We are extremely proud of these comments as we feel that we provide exemplary care, guidance and support for our pupils. It is this additional support that has contributed significantly to the improvements in achievement that we have seen over recent years'

We continue to be in receipt of funding through the Leeds City Council Healthy Holidays programme and are delighted to be able to offer a free one-week summer school to all of our incoming students. This will take place on site during the first week of the school holidays and your child will be able to participate in a number of sporting activities, including a 10-pin bowling trip. Hot food will be provided every day, with all dietary requirements catered for by advance request.

In addition, we would also like you to know that as a result of concerns regarding the ongoing cost of living crisis, we have also made the decision to once again assist with the purchase of school uniform for the September 2026 Year 7 intake. We have therefore decided to provide all students who will be joining us with a voucher for a free jumper and tie. It is hoped that this gesture will go a little way to help our families in these difficult times.

At Bishop Young, we operate an open-door policy, so if you would like to visit the Academy to tour the school with a member of our Senior Leadership Team, we would be delighted to show you around. This would be a good opportunity for you and your child to become familiar with their new school and ask any questions that you may have. If you intend to visit, please do contact the main reception on 0113 3200582 or email us on info@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot allow anyone without an appointment to enter the school premises. We will also be holding our annual Summer BBQ on 8th July – we would love to see you there.

Over the coming weeks, we will begin sending further information regarding the transition into Year 7. We understand that this process is different for each student and we will continue to offer personalised support to your child throughout their time with us.

We would very much appreciate it if you could let us know if you will be accepting your place with us as soon as possible. Please contact the main reception on 0113 3200582 or email the Transition Team on: transition@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk.

[If you have already done this, thank you very much and we look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.](#)

If you have any questions about either the transition process or anything else regarding joining Bishop Young Academy, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our Transition Team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cole".

Mrs Rachael Lacey-Cole

Principal