

**“Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself.”**

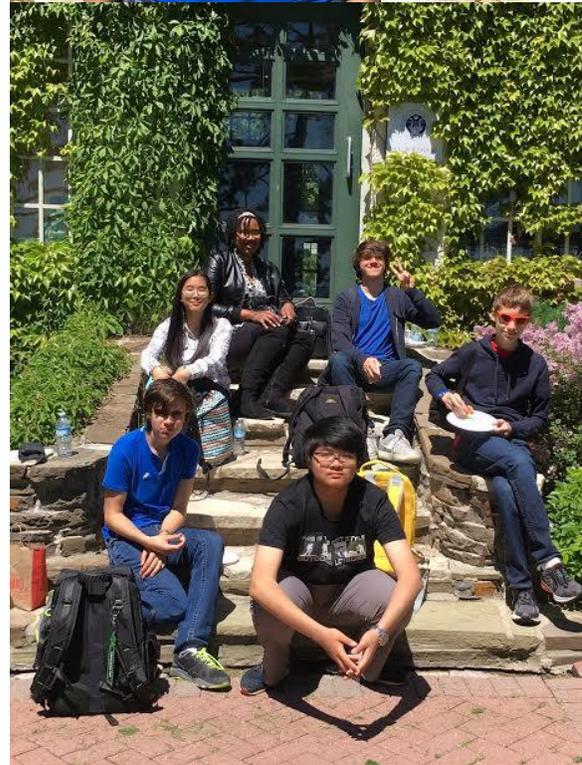
-John Dewey

Being Brilliant... In Term4

A lot happened in our fourth and final term. As is always the case, the winding down of the year is actually one of the busiest times, and goes by very quickly. In the first week of June, Blyth Academy London participated in the Blyth-wide Science Fair and Math Contest. For the third year running, we were medal winners in both, placing 1st in the Jr. Level Science Fair, and 2nd in the Math contest. Congratulations to our Science Winner Chris Wood and our entire Math Team: Sal Giugno, Joonas Dickinson, Lu Yuhang, and Xu Tian.

Just for Fun

Every term, we plan a school-wide sporting event and encourage participation by all our students. This year's events included the road hockey tournament in the fall, a dodgeball tournament, 3-on-3 basketball and, as is tradition 4 years running, a staff vs. students flag football game. And as is also tradition, staff were beaten badly by the exceptionally athletic student teams. It was a gorgeous day and a nice way to manage some of the stress that comes with year-end work.



Elementary Grad Trip

Our grade 8 students participated in a Blyth-wide graduation trip to Algonquin Park this year. Four of the students from our grade 8 class, accompanied by their teacher Darcey Christie, joined some elementary and grade 9 students from the Thornhill and Mississauga campuses and took part in a week-long program designed around parts of the science curriculum. They learned about the ecosystems in Algonquin and participated in a number of outdoor activities. Despite the lack of wi-fi and inability to access electronics, it was a resounding success.



The group at Algonquin Park



Flag Football Fun



Blyth at Canada's Wonderland

The JFC Files

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire community of parents, faculty, staff, and students for your dedication and commitment to Blyth Academy London. It is cliché, but it really does take all members of this village working together to ensure the success of our students, and it has been our pleasure and honour to work with you and play some small part in their personal journeys.

We had many “firsts” this year, a natural outcome of moving to a new location with a very different physical set-up to the school. We also have established a number of traditions that we feel contribute to the overall spirit and family atmosphere of the campus. Some of them have been highlighted in this edition of the newsletter such as the school-wide sporting events held each year, and the participation of our school in a few key Blyth-wide events. A new “tradition” we hope to continue is the recognition of individual students at our school-wide assemblies each term. It was a rewarding experience for the staff to reflect upon the successes, large and small, of each of the students and recognize them publicly for their achievements.

We had another amazing group graduate with us this year as well. Our Class of 2017 was academically accomplished, athletically gifted, and

had contributed significantly to the atmosphere and dynamic of the campus. It is a hard thing to say goodbye each year to a large and talented group of people, whose company you enjoy so much. We felt their absence as the school year was winding down and they were greatly missed. However, as is the way of educational institutions, our sights are already set on working with next year’s group of grads, as well as all our students, new and returning.

From all of us at Blyth Academy London, we wish you a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to everyone’s return on **Thursday September 7th** for the start of what will surely be another fabulous year. Until then...
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