

## bristol

**Students Take on UK Maths Challenge** - Ten students from Oasis Academy Bristol took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. The students from Years 7 and 8 sat the test where they had to answer 25 multiple choice questions in one hour under normal exam conditions. For many of the students this was an enjoyable introduction into this kind of mathematical activity. They were thrilled at being picked out and excited to be competing at a high standard against other secondary schools.



**Students Perform at Southbank Bristol Arts Trail** - A group of students were invited to show off their performance skills in the Southbank Bristol Arts Trail – a weekend of art and performance events which took place at a variety of venues around South Bristol. The 7 talented students showcased a variety of drama, dance and music at the Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bedminster and were so successful, they have been invited back both to the Autumn exhibition and the event next year!

**Academy Supports Young Sports Leaders** - Year 10 BTEC PE students and Year 11 students studying the Sports Leaders Level 1 qualification have set up a Sports Organisers Council (SOC) to run recreational sport sessions for Year 7 students. Every Thursday the Young Sports Leaders will run a variety of recreational and sporting activities such as football, basketball, tennis and frisbee. In the weeks to come, the SOC team hope to run a programme of activities throughout the Academy week for students in Years 8 and 9 as well.



## enfield

**St Albans** - Year 8 students went on a trip to St Albans as part of their 'trip in trip out' programme. Students had the opportunity to look at ancient Roman walls, mosaics from some early Roman villa floors and a look inside the amazing cathedral.

**Africa** - Students have been studying the modular theme of Africa. In order to bring their learning to life, a day of activities based around African countries was organised. The day involved students working in groups to research the lives, smell and taste of other countries. Students tasted African food, had webcam conversations with Morocco and Mogadishu, and Skype conversations with Mozambique, South Africa and Uganda. This provided students with amazing insight and the unique opportunity to communicate with people in different countries.

**Video for New Staff** - Year 7 students have been involved in a project to make a video introducing themselves and their local community to new members of staff that are joining the Academy in September. Their challenge was to do a PowerPoint presentation that included commentary, videos, pictures and captions that capture their lives. Some amazing work was achieved and will give new staff a unique insight into the student's lives.



**Lledr Hall Trips** - The Academy are in their third consecutive year of running trips to Lledr Hall. Groups of up to ten students with two teachers spend two nights in the Outdoor Education Centre near Betws-y-Coed, North Wales. The purpose of the trips is to promote group working, team building, problem solving and social skills. Students take part in variety of activities including; high ropes course, gorge walking, mountain biking, canoeing and rock climbing. Over 50 students and 12 staff have now been through the course.



**Year 11 Reward Trip** - Year 11 students were taken on a day trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach as a reward and a way of saying thank you for all their effort and hard work. Awful weather did not dampen their enthusiasm or excitement and a great time was had by all.

## lord's hill

**Beaulieu Activity Day** - Jon Cook, PE Teacher & SSCO, took a group of Year 10 GCSE students on a team building day to Beaulieu Activity Centre in the New Forest, as a reward for excellent attitude and behaviour. After completing a low ropes course with various challenges the group had to manoeuvre their way around a course blindfolded. After a few struggles and bruises the whole team survived and came through with flying colours. The biggest challenge was to climb up a large tree, stand on a small platform, jump off and be rescued by the team and slowly lowered to the ground! The weather was excellent and the instructors constantly commented on how well the group worked together. The whole experience was very rewarding for both the students and the staff involved.



**Year 7 Water Activities Trip** - On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Den Elleston – PE Curriculum Leader – took ten Year 7 students to Southampton Water Activities Centre. On arrival they found out that their task was to navigate their way to the Isle of Wight and back in the big power boats! The girls had the job of navigating by plotting bearings on the charts. The boys did the same for the journey back. Over the 12 miles there and back they missed only one bearing that luckily didn't get them too lost! A good day was had by all and Glyn, the instructor for the day, was very pleased with them all.



## couldson

**Shelton Aiming to Help the Eagles Soar!** - Year 9 striker, Shelton Gooden, has been snapped-up by Crystal Palace Football Academy and is now a regular player for their Under 14 squad. He now has to train three evenings a week and has a match every Sunday. Crystal Palace also monitor his academic performance to make sure he concentrates on his school work and his grades don't slip. "I've scored 5 goals since I joined a couple of months ago and I've played against Arsenal, Norwich, Tottenham, Ipswich and Reading" says Shelton. His ultimate goal is to play for England and wear the 3 lions shirt with pride.



**Judgements from Education Consultants' 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Visit** - Two consultants spent a day at the Academy on 15<sup>th</sup> May and concluded that it continues to flourish. Attendance has improved significantly to just over 91% and punctuality is now close to 97%. Fixed-term exclusions are very low and permanent exclusions reduced to one. The Academy's recent drive to improve literacy has so far been successful with two thirds of the students targeted making at least three months progress in their reading ages. 26% of Year 11 already have a grade C or better in Humanities, 24% in RE, 23% in Maths and 42% in Science modules.



The Well-Being Centre is going from strength to strength and supports students and their families. The nurse is able to forge quick and effective links with the relevant agencies to ensure students are safe and get the best possible help.

# immingham

**Expressive Arts Festival** - Immingham's Expressive Arts Festival saw performances from Year 7 to Year 12 students in drama, dance & music. Students showcased their talents in various ways, from performances on the baby grand piano, scripted drama pieces and a skipping routine, to masked movement pieces, singers & rock bands. There was also an exhibition of students Art work and 2 sessions in the fitness suite run by Mr Charlesworth. The grand finalé was a staff performance of the Grease Medley!



# mayfield

**Sailing Weekend** - A group of students have been on a sailing weekend with Adventures Offshore, where they experienced force 6 winds and over! The students visited Ipswich and Shotley and sailed in the North Sea. All the students had a go at everything and received a certificate working towards their RYA Start Yachting.



**Football Heroes** - The Year 11 Football Team played in the Cup Final on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Although they didn't win, they played a brilliant game. Well done to everyone involved!



**Years 7 and 9 Social Enterprise Day** - 22 teams of mixed-age students learnt about environmental issues and sustainability. The teams had to present business plans on their enterprise topics to a Dragons Den style panel of judges!

# brightstowe

**Students Outstanding Commitment to GCSE Revision** - Brightstowe students have shown a real commitment to exam preparation and are taking their GCSE's very seriously. Sarah Barnes and Jessica Townsend have won £50 shopping vouchers for making the most of the Academy's revision programme. The Academy runs similar incentives to encourage students to attend a variety of extra-curricular revision activities, such as an after-school Learning Café and lunchtime study sessions, where they can access teaching support, ICT facilities and refreshments.

**Student Wins iPod Touch** - A lucky student has won a brand new iPod Touch in a competition organised by BAM FM, the company which provides facilities management support to the Academy. The competition was made available to all students via an online questionnaire which entered all participants into a prize draw. BAM FM decided to run the competition in an effort to gather valuable feedback on how the students view the Academy facilities. The prize was presented in a celebratory assembly by Principal Julie Winterman and BAM FM representative Lucy Horseman, who is Catering Manager at the Academy.



# wintringham

**Conference News** - Four students and a teacher, Steve Broderick, went to the first ever Student Aspiration Conference from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May. Run by the Youth Sport Trust, it was for students who were not meeting their full potential but who enjoy sport within the school. The conference was very active involving high ropes, sensory deprivation tasks, team building tasks and raft building.

**Dance, dance, dance!** - Eight Year 10 students and a few Year 7s took part in the 'Strictly High School' dance competition and came back with a trophy!



**Transfer Project** - 106 Year 6 students went to Wintringham on 19<sup>th</sup> May as part of their Transfer Project to have a taste of an afternoon in the Academy. They will join from 1<sup>st</sup> June for 3 days a week.

