

Immingham

ConocoPhillips - They recently agreed to sponsor Oasis Academy Immingham and to celebrate, special guests including representatives from ConocoPhillips, Oasis Community Learning and various business and media contacts, attended a business lunch held at the Academy. Students were heavily involved; from publicising the event and directing guests to the car park, to taking them on tours of the Academy and providing music. The Year 10 Food Technology students also prepared, cooked and served a full sit down meal. The event really motivated the students as they received so much praise from the dinner guests for the quality of the food, service and politeness.



The money ConocoPhillips has given, allows the Academy to rent a nearby industrial unit, where post-16 engineering and construction courses are taught. In the coming months, after school clubs, adult education and summer clubs will be massively expanded. It is hoped that the facility will be constantly used by the community for both education and leisure activities. Other companies are seeing the best (and true) side of the students and are keen to get involved with other projects by providing equipment and support.



Wintringham

Sporting Success - The Academy had another successful sporting month: the Year 7 Girls' Hockey Team won the District Tournament, Barry Miller is doing judo in the SEN National Olympic Games, Harry Warwick has been selected to captain the Lincolnshire County Cricket under 15's and Paige Cooper has been selected to represent Humberside in cross-country.



Community Day - On 21st April Wintringham held a Community Day for those who wanted to look around. The Mayor and Mayoress of Grimsby attended and presented the Academy with the Great Grimsby crest.

Lord's Hill

Ski Trip - On Friday 27th March, 24 excited Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 students and 3 members of staff set off for a ski trip in Kitzbuhel, Austria. All the students were first time skiers and were spoiled with two metres of snow, expert tuition, empty pistes and great weather. Although no skiing accidents, there were a few cases of sunburn and severe 'goggle eyes'. The majority picked up skiing very quickly and were soon exploring the whole area, each day returning with stories of forest trails, jumps, red runs and even a black run! A great time was had by all and many of the group are looking forward to next year's ski trip.



Coulsdon

Attendance Record! - The Academy have presented a special Gold Award to 15 year old David Sidwell because he has not had a day off sick from school in 12 years! He has racked up 2,340 days of unbroken attendance since starting nursery school in Old Coulsdon. David has also never been late for school: "I just enjoy school," he said. "I don't know what it would take for me to have a day off." David was given a certificate and gift tokens and his mum received flowers and a Fairtrade Easter Egg!



Mayor of Croydon - The newly-appointed Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Robert Askey, visited the Academy on Monday 23rd March. He was taken on a tour of the Academy before discussing with students contemporary issues facing young learners today, as well as affairs specific to the Academy.

He asked them "Who is responsible for your academic success?" and in response they agreed that their success was ultimately down to their individual motivation, but the changes to the Academy had empowered them to do their best. To express their gratitude for the Mayor's time, Anisha Kasozi and Aiden O'Halloran presented the Mayor with some of the Fairtrade chocolate won by the Academy in the STOP THE TRAFFIK Chocolate Fondue fundraiser!

Brightstowe

Rising Stars - On Wednesday 18th March, 80 students from Years 7 and 8 were treated to a special 'Rising Stars' lunch to celebrate their positive attitudes and good behaviour this spring term. The 'Rising Stars' from each Tutor Group were given passes to the celebratory lunch which entitled them to a place at the specially laid tables in the main hall and a free meal from the canteen. Steve Chalke, CEO of Oasis Community Learning, who was visiting the Academy, attended the event and made a special speech to congratulate the student's for their hard work and effort.



Festival of Sport - Over 80 students from Brightstowe joined 18 Bristol secondary schools as they took part in the second annual Bristol Festival of School Sports. Students travelled to the University of Bristol's Coombe Dingle Sports Complex to take part in a range of different sports, such as extreme golf, lacrosse and tag rugby – many of which were new to them. The three-day festival celebrates sports participation and achievement at all levels and is specifically aimed at students who do not usually represent their school in sport.



MediaCityUK

Local MP Visit - Hazel Blears, Salford's local MP, visited the Academy recently. Students took her on a tour of the ICT suites and chatted about the exciting prospects ahead. Photographs and an article from the visit were featured on the front cover and inside Ms Blears' Constituency Report, which was distributed across the community.



Success in Hockey! - The girls' Hockey Team have worked extremely hard to win 'The Treble' indoor and outdoor tournaments and finally, the league. There were strong performances from the whole team, especially the goal keeper, who only let in two goals all season. Well done to a hard working team; we hope the success continues next season!



Bristol

Junior Academy - On 26th March the Academy launched the first Oasis Juniors Club in order to strengthen links with partner primary schools and the local community. On display at the launch were bright and colourful masks from around the world designed by Oasis Juniors, and games of dodgeball and football rounded off proceedings. All children who attended the Oasis Juniors event received a special welcome pack.



Oasis Juniors will build on Bristol's ongoing Extended Schools work and will incorporate existing outreach work being carried out through the Academy's Arts specialism by their Community Arts Manager, Rebecca Fitzgerald.

Rolls Royce Challenge - A group of Year 8 students from the Academy beat off competition from six other local schools to win the Rolls Royce FanTastic Challenge; an engineering competition that encourages teams of students from Bristol secondary schools to design and build the fastest and most efficient fan-powered vehicles.

The students worked for months building and testing their fan operated cars with the support of the Science Department. Representatives from Rolls Royce judged the students efforts and at the finals Connie Baker, Eddie Evans, Sayaf Miah and Cory Lewis emerged as the winners! They won a huge trophy made from a real Concorde fan-blade and a tour around the Rolls Royce site.



Enfield

Al-fresco - Students have experienced the amazing outside restaurant space for the first time over the last few weeks. It has proved to be a very popular socialising space for staff and students alike, allowing al-fresco dining. The restaurant staff have even been offering BBQ chicken and sausages!



Children's Conference - The Academy recently hosted the annual Enfield Children's Conference which involved a number of students from all the Enfield primary and secondary schools getting together to share their opinions and fears about local issues. Everyone enjoyed the Oasis facilities and left with a sense that their opinions really do matter.

Mayfield

Football in French! - One of Mayfield's Year 8 football teams took part in a football championship with a difference - they could only speak French on the pitch! They attended 10 sessions to practise their French and their football, and were coached by Mrs Beardshaw and Miss Dunn. Despite tough competition they won one game in the tournament and were highly commended for their use of French on the day. The top two players from the day also won tickets to see Southampton play at the Saints stadium.



The British Museum - During the Spring Term, the Year 7 Competency Curriculum focused on Ancient Civilisations. Students have researched the Ancient Egyptians, the Ancient Greeks and the Romans. Activities have included investigating the mysteries of Howard Carter's suitcase, designing Bebo pages for Greek gods and using Chinese whispers to re-tell stories about Boudicca. The project culminated in a visit to the British Museum on 24th April to see many of the artefacts that the students have researched first hand.