

### **Welcome to the first inter-Academy email of this academic year!**

At the end of each month an update will be sent out so that you can read about the innovative approaches and exciting events your colleagues are organising in the other Oasis Academies.

Enjoy the read...

## **Brightstowe**

- They celebrated their Grand Opening. It was a fantastic event with special guests David & Carrie Grant, a huge balloon release, staff, students, parents, community members and lots of local press coverage.
- Year 7 students have been on trips to the zoo and on an open top bus around Bristol.
- Open mornings and evenings have been really well attended, and students gave tours of the Academy as well as running a French Café with croissants and music!
- Julie Winterman is going into all the feeder primary schools for “Tea with the Principal” – meeting with Year 6 parents.
- A group of students are starting an Academy newsletter which they will write and produce themselves.
- A breakfast club has been started and it runs every day.

## **Bristol**

- The Academy has received some really positive press coverage over September.
- Year 7 had their own welcome day, introducing them to the Academy and Opening Minds.
- An enrichment programme is in place for lunch and after school, which includes activities such as model making, drama, table tennis etc.
- The Year 6 opening evening was very positive with a full house at both sessions.
- Open mornings have also proved popular with lots of people visiting for tours.
- The 4 Academy ‘communities’ have been set up, each with students from Years 7-11.

## **Coulsdon**

- 17 members of staff completed a sponsored run up Ben Nevis and raised £4,500 so that all students will be able to afford the ski trip as well as other Academy trips.
- The Academy has had 600 visitors through the doors for 2 open evenings and an open morning!
- 10 Croydon Councillors visited the Academy to see the changes and improvements as part of the Croydon secondary school review.
- The world boxer, Duke McKenzie, has started teaching boxercise classes 3 mornings a week.
- The Olympic bronze medallist in Judo has also started taking Judo classes at the Academy.
- Lord Adonis visited and was quoted in the paper as saying “this Academy is buzzing”!

## **Lord’s Hill**

- They had a Year 7 induction day last Thursday followed by a parents evening – both were very well attended.
- The official opening was a big success which featured an aerial photograph, student-led tours of the Academy, an assembly, and a cake and champagne reception.
- The Academy has received positive press coverage about the uniform, which featured a picture of Ian Golding with a group of students.

## Enfield

- All staff and students are now in the brand new building!
- The new Year 7s took part in a transition project called Big School which involved a day of activities.
- The Year 7 and 8 football and netball teams are underway with competitions lined up.
- As part of promoting the student voice in the Borough, a number of Year 7 students took part in a student conference dealing with local issues.

## Immingham

- The new sixth form has opened with 113 students – staff and students are having a ‘wear anything pink day’ in aid of Breast Cancer on 24th October.
- The hair and beauty course is up and running, based in the Academy salon.
- The motor vehicle workshop has also opened with a number of students enrolled.
- Brian Dixon nominated his PA, Veronica Fox, for the Administrator of the Year Award and his canteen manager, Ann Gladwell, for the Canteen Manager of the Year Award, sponsored by the National Bursars Association. They travelled to London last Saturday to attend a gala dinner. They both got distinctions, received glass trophies and had a lovely weekend!

## Mayfield

- The Academy launched the Day 10 project, which includes sailing, horse riding, Duke of Edinburgh, Rock Challenge, boxing and their own Mayfield Army Cadet Force to name but a few. Students will be able to take part in such activities on the tenth day of each fortnight.
- They have also had some educational consultancy from SSAT, moderating the Academy Leadership Team observation judgements, which has identified a good proportion of both good and outstanding teaching within the Academy.
- Year 7 students have settled well into their new learning base and the competency curriculum with some fascinating visits from Aliens taking place!
- A number of KS3 students are enjoying the experience of learning Mandarin – the staff are enjoying joining in too!

## Wintringham

- They had a training day at the end of term, and every department had to do a presentation and display about how the specialism had impacted their subject area. They are also going to present their results at the next Sports College conference.
- They had a fantastic last day of term – the whole day was on the launch of the enrichment programme for September. There was a range of activities and all students and staff took part.
- The Academy achieved their best GCSE results ever!
- On the first day of term, the Academy held a ‘Dragons Den’ enterprise day which involved the new vertical tutor groups. Teams were given bottles and set the task of recycling them to design and create a new product, market it, run a publicity campaign and make a presentation in order to sell it. Each community chose the finalists and the overall winner was Stuart Community with the ‘Multi-purpose Monster Mobile Mania’!

## MediaCityUK

- The opening ceremony and open evening were very successful, and staff have received letters congratulating them.
- They have also received positive press coverage with an article in The Guardian and the Local Advertiser.
- MediaCityUK is partnered with Oasis India, and they have already had visitors from India who were impressed with the Academy. Some staff are hoping to do a return visit later in the year.
- They have received a favourable report from the School Improvement Partner (SIP).
- Attendance has gone up already from 92% – 96% and there have been no exclusions.

## General

- An Oasis Team are visiting all of the Academies to deliver the Ethos Extravaganza with all Year 7s. Those delivered so far have been very successful.