

Bristol

John Williams

The whole community has been shaken by the sad news that Principal John Williams suffered a serious heart attack on 23rd January. Staff and students have responded positively, and the support received from across the Oasis family has been fantastic and very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for John, his wife Karen, and their three children at this difficult time.

Oasis Hub Week

Jill Rowe from Oasis UK and Sharon Prentis from Oasis Community Health, spent the last week at the Academy to talk about the Oasis ethos and values through a week-long programme of workshops called Oasis Hub Week. Jill ran a series of assemblies encouraging students to value every member of the Academy equally, and she conducted staff workshops exploring how to work more effectively as a team to support the well-being of the students and each other. Sharon ran workshops with the students and staff, introducing simple ways to create a balanced and healthy lifestyle for physical and emotional well-being.

Post 16 Open Evening

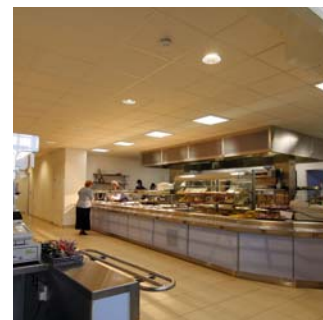
Plans for the new Post 16 Centre were unveiled at an Open Evening on Thursday 29th January. The evening was an exciting opportunity for students and parents/carers to ask questions, speak out about what they want from a Post 16 Centre and to give feedback that will shape the future of Further Education at the Academy. Watch this space!

Immingham

New Building

Staff and students have moved into their £28 million state-of-the-art building! Principal Brian Dixon said, "This is a brand new start, in a brand new building, for a brand new Academy. The new building has a considerable wow factor and the students have been gasping at how it looks and the facilities on offer."

The new glass-fronted premises house a modern gymnasium, hall, drama studio, cyber-cafe, motor workshops, music recording facilities and a cafe. It is also envisaged that the dining and sporting facilities will be open for community use once staff and students have settled in. The new environmentally friendly building provides students with the opportunity to take a number of applied courses, including motor vehicle maintenance and hair and beauty classes.



Lord's Hill

Local Residents Association

Principal Ian Golding recently attended a meeting with the local Residents Association and reported back that there are no major concerns from the residents who are very supportive of the work Oasis are doing.

Deep Learning Day

On 22nd January the Academy held their second Deep Learning Day where all students were involved in a variety of activities. Year 7 students visited Portsmouth Dockyard, which included a walk around HMS Victory and HMS Warrior. Year 8 students had an exciting time in science at the Academy's Down to Earth Farm. Upper School students were involved in fitness activities, drama and art workshops and a group of Year 11 students visited the Winchester School of Art.



MediaCityUK

Early Entry GCSE English and Mathematics

Congratulations to Year 11 students who achieved the best English and Maths GCSE results so far. One hundred percent of students passed at A*-G and over 30% of students achieved at least a Grade C in both subjects. The immense hard work, additional study and revision workshops enabled many students to meet and exceed their targets even at this early stage.

Sportsmark

The Academy have been awarded the Sportsmark. This was achieved by having over 90% of students participating in high quality PE for at least 2 hours each week in curriculum time, and the Academy covering over 10 different activities in curriculum PE.



Brightstowe

Excellent Performance Merits Trip to Laser Quest

Students were shooting for success at the Laser Quest in Avonmouth on Friday 16th January after receiving a record of 28,506 merit certificates for excellent academic achievement! HSBC sponsored the trip, where a group of students travelled by coach to play a friendly tournament as a reward for earning 100 or more merits during the autumn term of 2008. The trip was organised by School Liaison Officer PC Savage who works closely with the Academy and the local community to address behavioural issues involving school children.

Volunteering at the Luncheon Club

On Tuesday 13th January, volunteers at the Penpole Luncheon Club received a helping hand from Brightstowe students who assisted with dinner service and clear-up duties. Inclusion Manager, Julie Beeton, arranged the activity in order to teach them respect for their local community.

Year 8 students Jo Iles, Daniel Ward and Micaiah Jones got stuck in, serving dinner to the elderly locals, clearing away dishes and even organising the bingo tickets for the after-dinner game! The students' efforts were well received and Julie is keen to organise the visits on a regular basis.



Coulsdon

Rotary Chef

Coulsdon students are entering the nationwide Rotary Young Chef 2009 competition. The competition begins with the local Rotary Club going to the Academy and judging students' food. All students will receive a certificate of participation for their formal Record of Achievement.

The winner(s) will then progress to a District Competition, followed by a Regional Competition. The overall winning student will win major prizes such as £250, a day's experience at the Fifteen Restaurant in London, plus a trip to Tuscany.



Teacher's TV

English teacher Phil Beadle and Principal John Murphy appeared on Teacher's TV last Friday. They were filmed in the Academy speaking on the topic of homophobic bullying and how this issue was being addressed at Oasis Academy Coulsdon. The interview will be repeated throughout the coming week.

Enfield



Trips In

In the second week of term all students were involved in trips in. Year 7 completed the fantastic Circus Skills workshops which included plate spinning, juggling and learning Swahili.

The day helped students develop resilience and it ensured they were resourceful when trying out new skills. Year 8 took part in a day entitled Last Choir Standing. The IDMC choir who have sung for Pavarotti and Jamelia carried out a number of workshops which looked at the meanings behind the lyrics of songs.

Module 2

Module Two culminated in two assessment days, where students showed maturity in the way they conducted themselves. Some of the amazing work that students produced was displayed in the market place, which included some truly fantastic models of Greek buildings.

Wintringham

Year 7 Enterprise Day

Outside providers visited the Academy to deliver the 'Our World' enterprise day. The day included learning about world foods, marketing and banking etc.



Year 11 Fashion Show

Year 11 students took to the catwalk to model beautiful ball gowns in anticipation of the July Prom. Local companies provided all the outfits, and all money raised went to Stop the Traffik.



Mayfield

Year 7 Sponsored Read

To promote reading and extend the commitment to developing literacy, Mayfield have been working in partnership with Usborne Books to launch a sponsored read. 'Ready, steady, read!' for Year 7 students will take place from 27th January to 9th February, and all the money raised will go towards books for the Academy.

The Academy are working with families to encourage students to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, recipes, poems, leaflets, articles, newspapers – anything with words!

Battle of the Bands

Oasis Academy Mayfield have held their own Battle of the Bands competition. Sponsored by NatWest and raising money for the Princess Anne Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit, the event saw six local bands perform in front of a discerning yet appreciative audience.

Memorable appearances by The Mopheads, Sudden Indifference, Mirror Image, Dancing with Disaster, The Maybe Pile and Wilson included a range of songs from covers of the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Madness and some really exciting original work. Particular highlights included Sam Newham on drums in Sudden Indifference's own piece 'Excuses' and an outstanding vocal performance from Megan Street who performed in two bands. The judges final vote went with the audience's favourite Wilson who gave a really professional performance.