

Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Students continue to flourish and the benefits of being on one site are more evident each week.

Last week we had a successful internal Oasis review. This national programme ensures that continuous progress is secure. They reported that:

- There is strong evidence of movement in the right direction
- The systems and structures to enhance the learning climate continue to show impact
- This is reflected in a further significant increase in good and outstanding lessons
- The result is student progress

Our Parent Voice forum has strengthened this term. It is an opportunity for parents to give feedback, share ideas and make plans for future Academy events. Thanks to those parents who have recently attended and we extend a big welcome to the next meeting on Friday 11 November 4.15pm – 5.15pm.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your ongoing support with ensuring that students arrive to The Academy promptly, in full uniform and ready to learn. We look forward to building on our successes of this half term, as we finalise plans to move into the new building and embark on the next exciting phase of The Academy.

PRINCIPAL

Pictured right: Elizabeth Scott (7) and Ryan Rackett (7), who presented to visitors along with our Head Boy Ben Bevis and Head Girl Katie Downer



Pictured far right (back row): Mrs Katsaros, Head of SEN, Louis Faithfull and Mrs Rudd
Front Row: Chloe Pike, Katie Parry and Jessica Ashrafian



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Year 6 Open Evening

On Thursday 22 September, the Academy held its annual Year 6 Open Evening for prospective families from a host of local Junior Schools.

Visitors received a very warm reception and the evening started with a welcome speech from our Principal John Toland. Parents and Year 6 students then had a chance to visit our curriculum areas, meet and talk to teachers, support staff and students - Year 7 learners and Year 10 Prefects - and view Academy life. There was also an array of amazing demonstrations and exhibitions hosted by the students themselves. Guests were also treated to several wonderful performances by our talented musicians and singing sensations, The Glee Club.

Overall the evening was yet again an informative and and dynamic event made possible by the fantastic teamwork of staff and students, working together to represent the Academy. Everyone left with a real sense of how far we have come and our positive future, as shown by some of the feedback comments:

"There was a great atmosphere overall" Ludlow parent

"There's been a big improvement over the years"

Heathfield parent

"Very positive messages from teaching staff and students, they were all very enthusiastic"

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Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it.

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New Build - Update

Good progress is being made with the new building. The scaffold has been taken down in the Agora and the sample classroom is near completion. The doors are now going on the outside of the ground floor, south side, and the curtain walling of the main entrance is starting to look very impressive.

We are hoping to arrange tours for staff and students during next term, when the sample classroom is ready.



Top picture: Sample classroom near completion
Middle and bottom picture: The Agora

NDS Red Button Challenge 2011-2012

The challenge:

To design and develop a TV based application which runs on a digital television or TV companion device, ie a tablet or mobile.

Oasis Academy Mayfield Team (pictured below):

Devon Floyd Y10 (Team leader) Callum Barnes Y8
Murphy Morris Y10 Daniel Franks Y8
Lauren Harvey Y10 Daniel Perryman Y10
Mr Fischer Mr Kemp Gee

The Project:

NDS is a global software company based in Chandlers Ford. They are working with Solent EBP (Education Business Partnership) to support and sponsor the Red Button Challenge; a competition between 12 Hampshire Secondary Schools.

Our team of 6 students attended the project launch on 28 September and have until Spring 2012 to design, develop, test and present their product to the judges at NDS. They will pool their skills in art and technology to design an original concept for the Service Delivery Platform that wires together TV viewing with online interactivity. This process is known as 'mashing up' information from the TV space and the web. During the project they must demonstrate teamwork, show the ability to implement an original idea, use computer programming and combine artistic talent with technological expertise.

Ultimately all participants will experience what it feels like to be at the cutting edge of technology and working in the world of ICT.

So what 'big idea' is our team going to come up with and will they be able to see it through to completion? Follow their progress as they aim to become the next NDS Red Button Challenge champions.



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with Parents and Students

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Young Enterprise

This year a group of Year 10 students are once again participating in the Young Enterprise program.



Young Enterprise has been running for over 30 years and gives students a chance to set up and run their own business. This year's team are called 'Bright Sparks'. They are currently planning their first business

venture and looking forward to the various challenges throughout the year.

We look forward to hearing what they achieve in future Bulletins.

The Team are:

Amy Cluett (pictured)	Managing Director
Eleanor Harvey (pictured)	Deputy Managing Director
Jodie Freeborn	Company Secretary
Sam Sawyer	Finance Director
Jodie Freeborn	Deputy Finance Director
Hannah Nguyen	Human Resources
Josh Evans	Marketing Director
Kieran Hughes	Deputy Marketing Director
Jacob Thomson	IT Director
Henry Davis	Deputy IT Director
Oliver King	Product Designer
Brogan Anderson	Product Designer
Maud Kotey	Product Designer
Sherelle Theobalds	Product Designer



Year 10 Team Up With Year 6

The Academy has extended its KS2 liaison program this year and is now delivering a course of study to selected groups of students in both Year 5 and Year 6 from Heathfield Junior School.

Co-ordinated by Mr Jones this course is designed to give these students the opportunity to experience, and make progress in, different learning environments in preparation for their move to the Academy at the start of Year 7. Since September, these groups have been developing their literacy and numeracy skills and have also completed a piece of art work using mixed media.

This week they were invited by Miss Dunn to take part in a PE lesson, where they developed their team building skills working alongside a group of Year 10 Students. All students really enjoyed the session and made the most of the opportunity.

We will keep you updated with their progress in future Bulletins.



Pictured left:
Dylan Langford and
Ben Hartnell-Parker
with a Year 6 student



Pictured below:
Year 10 Mayfield
students and Year 6
Heathfield students
listen to Miss Dunn
explain the challenge
ahead

Prefect Team 2011-2012

We are very proud to present our new Year 11 Prefects.

Pictured Back Row: Daniel Beattie, Jack Bowers, Josh Reisoglu, Gemma Davis, Michael Bailey-Edwards, Jordan Cann, Liam Sillence, Ryan Downie

Pictured Front Row: Jasmin Lucas, Stephen House, Molly Watts, Simon Parsons, Ben Bevis (Head Boy), Katie Downer (Head Girl), Mariam Akbari, Emily Singleton, Rizvan Rahman, Greg Doulton

Prefects not pictured: Callum Healey, Jake Tinney, Alex Day and Dan Getliffe



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Helpful Planning For Year 11

Here is the list of College Open Days/Evenings being held in October and November.



October 2011		
Monday 24th	Academy of Music & Sound	56.30 - 8.30pm
November 2011		
Wednesday 9th	St Vincent	6.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 9th	Totton	5.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 10th	City College	5.30 - 7.30pm
Friday 11th	King Edward VI All years	From 6.30pm
Tuesday 15th	Eastleigh	4.30 - 7.30pm
Thursday 17th	Itchen	5.00 - 8.00pm
Saturday 19th	Sparsholt	10.00 - 3.00pm
Monday 28th	Academy of Music & Sound	6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 30th	Fareham	5.00 - 8.00pm
Date tbc	Brockenhurst	6.30 - 9.00pm

Eileen Geddes is our Academy Careers Advisor. Eileen is based in the LAC 2 room and is available to see students who need further help and advice about careers or going to college.

Eileen is available on:
Thursdays and Fridays each week
or she can be contacted via email:
Eileen.Geddes@oasismayfield.org

Don't forget, always double check the dates and times on the left before visiting the colleges listed, or visit the Academy website for any late updates:
www.oasisacademymayfield.org

When possible we will confirm College application deadlines. So far, we have been advised of the following: Barton Peveril Application Deadline 10 February 2012, Eastleigh College Deadline 31 March 2012 and Peter Symonds Deadline 9 December 2011. **Please note:** certain College courses are popular and become full very quickly, so it's best to apply early to ensure a place.

 Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships: what you need to know!

FREE events for parents - and young people





ALPHI, the network of colleges and training providers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, invites you to our free information evenings:

Fratton Park, Portsmouth
Wednesday 16th November 2011, 5-7pm

The Rosebowl, Southampton
Wednesday 8th February 2012, 5-7pm

A great opportunity to find out more about what's available in our area. Meet some current Apprentices and learn the best way to apply. And there's free parking at both venues!

For more information about ALPHI or Apprenticeships and Foundation Learning locally please visit:
www.alphi.org.uk/toolkit



**To find out more about Apprenticeships visit
apprenticeships.org.uk**



Full and part-time courses for land-based careers

- Agriculture • Animal Management • Arboriculture and Forestry
- Conservation, Countryside Management and the Environment
- Equine Studies • Fishery Studies • Game and Wildlife Management
- Horticulture • Motor Vehicle • Sports and Public Uniformed Services

**Course Information
Open Days**

Sat 8 October 2011

Sat 19 November 2011

Sat 14 January 2012

Sat 3 March 2012

Drop in between 10.00am and 3.00pm

01962 776441

www.sparsholt.ac.uk

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Learning About Life In South Africa



At the beginning of September, the Academy was visited by one of our colleagues from Oasis South Africa, Arnie Swiegers.

Arnie spent the day with many of Year 7, talking to

them about the work being done in South Africa by Oasis Community Learning; what life is like and what is trying to be achieved out there.

Arnie shared images, facts and figures and real life experiences with our students and even gave them a South Africa based pop quiz! They were also joined by Year 11 students who helped interpret some SA migration data.

The students had a very interesting and informative day and Arnie was very impressed with their attitude



A Special Appeal - SA2012 Trip

We are busy planning and preparing for our trip to South Africa in 2012. We are seeking the support of local businesses and parents to get involved. A 'Halloween' film night is planned for the first week after Half Term and we will be hosting an auction in the New Year. We will need as many items as possible, including; toys, clothes, unwanted gifts and theatre/sports tickets.

Please get in touch if you can help in any way.

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Library News



Oasis Academy Mayfield is once again taking part in a scheme called 'Booked Up', which is sponsored by the School Library Association.

Every child in Year 7 has received a free book of their choice. Please support the scheme and encourage your child to be a frequent reader.

Books On Loan

Many students have long term outstanding loans. Please can any overdue books be returned as a matter of urgency. Whilst they are at home on the side or under beds, no-one else can borrow them! Thank you.

Library Clubs

Why not join one of clubs?

Clubs times are: 2.45 - 3.30pm

Monday Homework Club
Chess Club

Tuesday Homework Club
Bookworks

Wednesday Homework Club
Wordmania!

Thursday Homework Club
Write On



ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating Success

On Wednesday 12 October we attended the PiXL club GCSE Celebration Event and are proud to announce we received an Award for Outstanding Progress in GCSE Performance for 2011.

The PiXL club is a partnership network which focuses on providing over 170 schools with support to staff and students in getting the best GCSE results possible. This award recognises the Academy as having the most improved results this year.



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Luke Heather - Swimming

On Sunday 25 September, Luke represented The Academy and took part in the Hampshire Schools Swimming Competition. We are proud to announce that he won Gold in the 100 metres butterfly and Silver in the 200 metres and is now through to the next round.

Huge congratulations to him for his commitment and success so far. We wish him well for the next competition.



Michael Moore and Liam Thomas - Trampolining

On Sunday 2 October Michael and Liam took part in an Annual National Trampoline Competition held by 'Just Jump' and hosted by Chamberlayne Leisure Centre, where they both train every week.

They were competing in their different age groups with over 150 other skilled trampolinists. We are very proud to announce that they both did very well and each came 1st in their own group!

A huge well done to them and we wish them good luck for future competitions.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Let's Get Cooking!

In January 2010 the Academy signed up to the Let's Get Cooking initiative. This initiative was set up to help schools run cooking sessions for their students, parents and members of the community. The project we ran introduced a weekly after school club, a Junior MasterChef workshop run every Half Term holiday and a 6 weeks mums and daughters healthy cooking project.

All of these sessions were funded through Let's Get Cooking over the last 2 years. In order to be accredited with the Let's Get Cooking Status we had to meet a strict criteria. Thank you to Mrs Butler, pictured below with Lewis Collins, and Mrs Taylor for all their hard work in making the cooking club grow and become a very popular after school club.



After School Clubs

Don't forget, we have a range of After School Clubs from sports to cooking, IT to singing. For more information, you can contact our Extended Services Team, visit the website or simply collect a booklet, which contains details of all the clubs running, from the Library.

On that note, Mrs Huggins would like to issue an extra reminder that she is running a Cycle Club, meeting at the bicycle shed from 3 – 4pm on Thursdays.

If you think your bike needs a 'check up', the Bike Doctor will be back at The Academy outside the bicycle shed on Thursday 17 November.



COMMUNITY

Introducing Oasis Community Hub, Mayfield

We are delighted to introduce the 'Mayfield Hub' to you in this edition. Oasis is dedicated to raising educational standards and recognises that children do not live in isolation, but within a community whose lives and circumstances impact our students. The Mayfield Hub will embrace some of our existing activities and develop new initiatives to cater for the wider context of our students' lives as well as those of their families and the wider communities.

The aims of Oasis Hubs are to:

- ◆ Help build a stronger sense of local community.
- ◆ Encourage volunteering opportunities
- ◆ Stimulate a local culture of enterprise and self help
- ◆ Raise aspirations
- ◆ Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

The Mayfield Hub is led by Mrs Dawkins (pictured right), Director of Student and Family Learning and includes the extensive usage of the Academy facilities by local groups and sports clubs, managed by Mrs Johnston, Extended Services Manager. The other members of the Hub team are: Mr Thomas, our Business and Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Taylor, Extended Services and Mr Woodman our newly appointed Academy Chaplain (see picture and article below). We will bring you further news of Hub developments and opportunities in future Bulletins.



New Academy Chaplain Appointed



Paul Woodman (pictured left) has now been appointed part time, as the Chaplain for Oasis Academy Mayfield.

Paul has been a supporter of the Academy since it started in 2008. Paul is a leader at New Community and leads City Life Church, which meets in Swaythling and at St Andrews in Sholing. Paul will balance his time across these roles which are complementary.



Pictured here is Steve Chalke (bottom left) who is featured in the Guinness Book of Records after raising £2.3 million this year in the London Marathon. The money donated included a large sum specifically to enable Chaplains to be established in the 14 Academies that Oasis run across the UK.

What is an Academy Chaplain?

Every Oasis Academy will have a Chaplain – a key member of staff who provides not just spiritual input as and when it's needed, but works with both staff and students to provide support and pastoral care.

It is this attention to the welfare of students and the pastoral care provided that makes sure every student at the Academy is known, loved and nurtured.

Commenting on the appointment, Principal John Toland said: "We are pleased to welcome Paul into the formal role of Chaplain at Oasis Academy Mayfield. He brings extensive knowledge of the local community and enormous energy and enthusiasm. He will strengthen our work to build a stronger, vibrant and inclusive community."

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Jeans For Genes Day

On Friday 7 October, staff and students at Mayfield got behind another great cause and supported Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes Day is an annual fundraising event when staff and students can wear their jeans for the Day and make a donation. Jeans for Genes provides funding for the care and support of children with genetic disorders. It also helps to fund vital research into genetics and the development of effective treatments and cures.

Students showed great maturity by continued focus on learning, while raising money for a very worthy cause.

It was a fantastic effort and we raised over £400 on the day.



Pictured above: Principal John Toland with Katie Downer (Head Girl) and Ben Bevis (Head Boy)



Pictured left to right: Lydia Booth, Emily Gunter, Chenise Lloyd, Amelia Ford, Kathryn Wood and Julian Mitchell

**FOR LIFE EXPERIENCES:
FISHING AROUND
FOR FUN THIS
OCTOBER HALF TERM -
LOOK NO FURTHER!**



Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th : 9am to 3.30pm
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th: 9am to 3.30pm
Both the above are for age 12+ years
Friday 28th: 9am to 3.30pm - for age 8+

FLE Angling and Outdoor Pursuits Centre
Green Lane Ampfield SO51 9BN

We are based at Greenridge Farm Fishery on the outskirts of Southampton and are dedicated to introducing young people to the positive benefits of fishing and outdoor education.

FLE has qualified instructors with the latest rig and tackle innovations and are highly experienced in a range of fishing techniques. Why not join us!

Enquiries: 07595 024 363 Email: info@forlifeexp.com
Website: www.forlifeexp.com

QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 11th November
6.30pm - 8.30pm

**COME & TAKE THE
CHALLENGE**

£5.00 per team

**Payable on the night
Children go FREE**

**Refreshments will be available
to purchase.**

Maximum of 6 people per team

**All proceeds from the evening will go to the
Oasis South Africa Appeal**



To book in your team please call Extended Services on:
023 80 425340
or email:

ExtendedServices@oasismayfield.org
Oasis Academy Mayfield, The Grove, Southampton SO19 9LX

Community

Open 4.30 - 10pm for Community Activities



Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Monday	Adult "No Strings" Badminton Club	6.30—8.00pm	£3.00 per session
	SlimDance	8.00—9.00pm	£5.00 per session
Tuesday	Adults Recreational Netball	6.30—7.30pm	£3.00 per session
	SlimDance	7.00—8.00pm	£5.00 per session
	SlimDance Latin Solo	8.00—9.00pm	£5.00 per session
Wednesday	Swaything Junior Netball Club	5.00—6.30pm	£2.50 per session
	Adult Line Dancing	6.00—7.00pm	For more info call: 02380 425340
Thursday	Oasis Juniors Badminton Club	5.00—6.00pm	£3.00 per session
	Mayfield Fire Cheerleading Club	7.00—8.00pm	£3.00 per session
	Adult Guitar Lessons	7.30—8.30pm	For more info call: 02380 425340
Saturday	Sama Karate Club	9.30—10.30am	£4.00 per session

For more information on any of the above classes or to hire our facilities phone: 02380 425340 or visit: www.oasisacademymayfield.org



Adult Recreational Badminton

**Monday Evenings
6.30pm - 8.00pm**



Come along and join other keen badminton players. Friendly matches played



NO NEED TO BOOK JUST TURN UP AND PLAY



£3 per person



Enquiries please call
Extended Services on:
023 80 425340



Adult Line Dancing

**Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
10 Weeks for Only £35**


This course is designed for absolute beginners. You will learn the basic steps of line dancing in a fun and friendly environment. The style of dance is very low impact and suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

NEW COURSE STARTING SOON!
Only £35.00
Starting Wednesday 11th January 2012
*** Book now to avoid disappointment ***



For more information or to book a place please contact:
Oasis Academy Mayfield, The Grove, Sholing. SO19 9LX OR
Tel: 02380 425340 or ExtendedServices@oasismayfield.org
www.oasisacademymayfield.org


* A minimum of 8 people needed for the course to run.



Adult Group Guitar

**Thursday Evenings
7.30pm - 8.30pm
3rd November - 15th December
7 Week Course
Only £42.00**

This is a fun and interesting class with fellow guitar enthusiasts. Come along and learn how to play guitar. An easy approach to learning.



To book a place on this course please contact
Extended Services:
023 80 425340 or email:
ExtendedServices@oasismayfield.org

* This course will only run with 4 or more adults.

Ludlow Ladies Shopping Night

Tables £10 Tickets £2.50

Friday 11th November
7pm-9pm

Jewellery **Handbags**
Xmas Crafts **Pampered Chef**
Childrens Books **Spray-Tan**
Nail Painting **Wooden Signs**
Photographers

Hosted by: The Friends of Ludlow Junior School
Peveril Road
Woolston (02380 447885)

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Notable Dates 2011:

24 October	Start of the Autumn Half Term Break
31 October	First day back following Half Term
3 November	Yr 9 Solent Skills Festival
11 November	Community Hub Quiz Night 6.30-8.30pm
11 November	Parent Voice Meeting 4-5pm
18 November	Parent Forum 4.15-5.15pm
24 November	GCSE Presentation Evening for ex Yr 11
2 December	Prom Fashion Show 7.30-9pm
15 December	Christmas Concert
Confirmed Inset Days	2012 3 January 10 February 20 February 23 July



Next communication:
11 November 2011

MASTERCLASS REMINDER FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Below is the Masterclass Timetable for subject support during the Autumn Half Term break:



Monday	Maths
Thursday	Resistant Materials
Friday	Food Technology Resistant Materials

Targeted students should now have received their information letters about these.

Claim Your Lost Property

Lost property items will be displayed in the reception area of The Academy between 3pm - 4pm on Thursday 3 November.

Please come and check even if items have been missing for a while. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity.



CALENDAR...

Week Commencing 31 October 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by the Principal):

- Monday - Year 11
- Tuesday - Year 10
- Wednesday - Year 9
- Thursday - Year 8
- Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Friendship - do you value your friends?

Social Skill of the week:

To support students who may not be your friends

Week Commencing 7 November 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Mr Reid):

- Monday - Year 11
- Tuesday - Year 10
- Wednesday - Year 9
- Thursday - Year 8
- Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Armistice/Remembrance Day: lest we forget - 11 Nov

Social Skill of the week:

Be prepared to do something you haven't done before without complaining

Week Commencing 14 November 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Year Leader):

- Monday - Year 11
- Tuesday - Year 10
- Wednesday - Year 9
- Thursday - Year 8
- Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Bullying - do you support other students?

Social Skill of the week:

Avoiding conflict with peers - Anti-Bullying Week

Renewed Appeal...

We still have a number of sets of keys which have been found around the Academy over the last year, but never collected.

If you are missing any keys, please contact Mrs Dibden in Student Services with a description to claim them.

Thank you.

