



Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

As we start the Academy year, we are delighted to confirm that funding for our new building project has been approved. The funding agreement and final contracts have been signed and work has started in the new entrance from Portsmouth Road.

We welcome back all students; Year 11 returned from their work experience this week, joining Year 10 on the KS4 site. I am pleased to say our new Year 7s have settled in well and it is good to have them become part of the Mayfield community with Years 8 and 9 on the KS3 site. We thank all parents for their continued support in our drive for high quality uniform and look to continue this throughout the year.

All students are focusing on what level/grade they are presently at, their targets and how they will achieve them. Your further support in encouraging your children in these conversations with teachers, will help them to reach their personal best and together we can celebrate their success.

I also invite you to get further involved in Academy life. You can share your ideas and get more details of how to volunteer at events etc by emailing Sue Kinch on:

parent.rep@oasismayfield.org.

PRINCIPAL



Pictured above:
Katie Gunn, Alana Insch
and Keary-Erin Carrington

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Pictured below:
Luke Woods and
Megan Street



CURRICULUM

GCSE Results Day

During the Summer break, on Tuesday 24th August, our previous Year 11s came back to visit the Academy for a very important reason - to collect their GCSE results! They were joined by some Year 10s who were also collecting results for Statistics, Media, History and Geography.

There were mixed emotions and celebrations. Many students had worked incredibly hard to achieve their grades, but were still nervous of the outcome. Academy staff were there to support them and share the experience.

When asked what advice they would give younger students to ensure good results, there were many suggestions. Here are some of their comments:

'Study at the right times but don't forget to enjoy yourself' Jack Taylor

'Don't mess around, knuckle down, this is your life after all!' Luke Woods

'Ask for help if you need it' Katie Gunn

'Don't give up, you will get there!' Megan Street

'Choose your subjects and revise hard for them'
Tom Williams

CURRICULUM

Year 8 Intech Science Lesson Challenge

On Friday 17th September class 8aSc1 took part in a number of experiments hosted by Intech Science Centre and Planetarium, in association with Arqiva who make a lot of TV communication equipment.

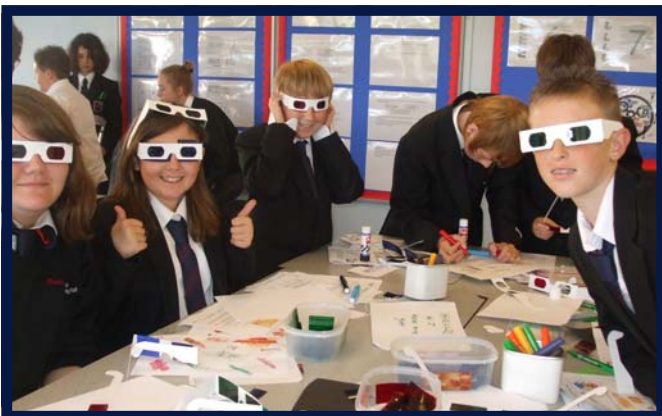
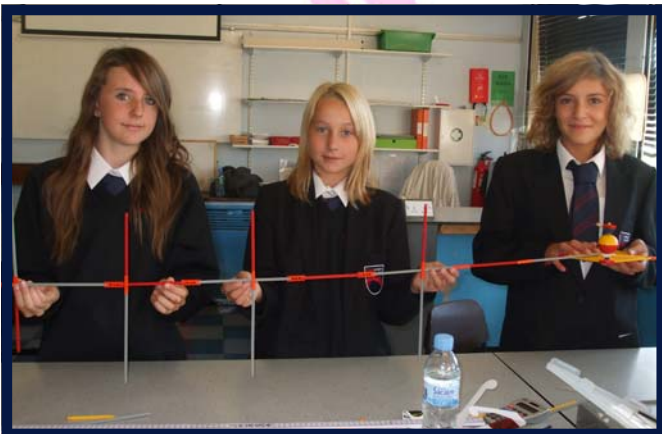
The students formed teams to complete various Challenges. These included making 3D pictures on the computer and viewing them from homemade 3D glasses and building an antenna from 'Klick Fix', then converting analogue into digital signals.

The team from Intech were on hand to advise and discuss the students ideas and help them test their results. Intech were impressed by the students' work and everyone enjoyed their session.

At the end of the lesson, the students had an interclass competition which was won by:

Georgia Davidson, Louise Wills and Millie Eves pictured below.

Well done to all who took part.



Pictured left to right above:
Samantha Lewis, Georgina Waller, Jacob Vowles, Jack Wilson (Andrew Riley hidden) and Adam May

Year 9 STEM Day Southern Water 'Disaster' Challenge

On Tuesday 21st September Intech, in association with Southern Water, challenged another group of Year 9 students classes 9oSc1 and 9aSc1 to take on a special full day 'Disaster' Challenge.

The scenario for the day was an earthquake had destroyed a bridge to an island with 2000 people. This bridge connected to the mainland and the island was now cut off from supplies. Students were challenged to design and build a new bridge using a selection of resources. The bridge should span 1 metre and allow 2 litres of water to cross. For every ml of water a life would be saved.

The students really rose to the challenge having to consider a range of issues including finance, marketing and problem solving, as well as the design and build. Each team had to present their finished projects to the other teams and explain their ideas.

All the teams did extremely well and the winners were: Jodie Freeborn, Georgia Osborn, Tara Matthews, Hannah Nguyen and Amy Lorains; all pictured below:



Pictured left to right above:
Lee Smith, Harry Thomas, William McLellan and Oliver King

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GCSE Results Day Tuesday 24th August 2010



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ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

Wipe Out Waste Awards - The Final!



Pictured left to right above - Back row:
Mrs Brown, Kieron Cave, Courtney Cave, Jovann Cousins, Harrison Tarrant, Chloe Whyte, Miss Roberts, Zak Barnes and Sean Stubbs.
Front row:
Lewis Collins, Callum Weldon, Sam Potts, Patryk Grzywaczewski, Josh Passmore and Cody Pitcher.

On Thursday 16th September, an amazing group of five Year 8 Academy students (and their supporters) travelled to Clarence House, London, to take part in the Final of the Wipe out Waste (WoW) Awards to present their idea for waste management.

The WoW Awards take place during Prince Charles' 12 day Garden Party, as part of his START initiative designed to promote sustainability.

The students; Shannon Gray, Courtney Cave, Jovann Cousins, Patryk Grzywaczewski and Lewis Collins were one of ten finalists, out of 76 schools. They had to go in front of a 'Dragons Den' style panel with their proposal for a World Recycler and then take questions on how it would work.

The World Recycler is a recycling bin made out of chopped up recycled bottles, glued back together in the shape of the world. It sits on a metal stand which is made out of recyclable radiators. These would be placed around the school and collected regularly.

Although they didn't win, the judges were incredibly impressed with their idea and how they handled themselves. They were the youngest group and up against tough competition from students up to A Level. One of the judges commented that these were the most fantastic presentations on the topic he had ever seen.

Thanks go to Mrs Brown and Miss Roberts for their support and a huge well done to the five students who worked so hard to get to such a prestigious Final. We look forward to next year!

Head Boy and Head Girl 2010-11

Hello

We are the Head Boy, Joshua Scott and Head Girl, Elisa Gashi. We draw together the Student Voice, Student Council and the Vertical Student Leadership Groups. Together with the Senior Prefects and Prefects, we represent the student body to the Academy and the Academy Council.

We look forward to contributing our ideas on a range of projects within the Academy.



Pictured left to right above:
Joshua Scott, Steve Chalke MBE - CEO, Oasis Community Learning, Elisa Gashi and Principal John Toland

Our Senior Prefects are:

Jordan Taylor, Karl Heather, Mehnaz Rahman and Chloe Bettridge-Radford.

Our Prefects are:

Jordan Price, Matthew Wills, Ben Smith, Nomagugu Dupute, Gareth Coffin, Eshita Chowdhury and Connor Ciupek.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Gold Performance

Last month, Sean Adams, an ex Year 11 student, took part in the Sainsbury's UK School Games and scooped the 400m hurdles gold medal!

It was a well deserved win since achieving silver medals at both the English Schools and International Schools competition and a joint gold medal at Bedford earlier this year.

Well done to Sean for his success.

Sean Adams, right, as pictured in the Echo.



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Golfing Triumph by David Barker

On 30th July 2010 I took part in the Alresford Junior Golf Open, run in connection with the Hampshire Junior PGA. I took part in the Under 13's group and although I did not win anything this day, I really enjoyed taking part as it was a good chance to play with other young golfers who have the same interests as I do.

On the 12th August 2010 I then took part in a Junior Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Romsey Golf Course, run by the Hampshire PGA, Patron of the PGA Junior Pro-Am Tournament. We played in groups of four, made up of one professional golfer and 3 junior golfers all with varying handicaps. The lowest handicap Junior had to mark the professional's card whilst the professional had to do the junior group card. All of us had to play our shots and the one with the best result on each hole was put on the card, to give us our best possible joint round of golf. The group I was with were very unlucky this day missing out on the prizes but for one shot. Another good day was enjoyed by all.



Then on the 22nd August 2010 at my own club, South Winchester Golf Club, I played in the competition that was taking place that day. I did very well, coming in with 44 points and came first in the Division 2 group that I am in. This meant I had won £20 to spend in the pro shop. This also meant my handicap of 27.0 was cut to 23.4 changing my handicap to 23. (This is the amount of shots I am allowed over the club standard scratch which is usually 72).



COMMUNITY

Heathfield Students Enjoy Science Taster

On Monday 19th July a group of 77 Year 5 (now Year 6) students from Heathfield Junior School, were invited to visit the Academy and take part in a sample Science lesson.

The aim of the visit was to give them a taste of life at secondary school and show them how interesting and engaging it can be.

Led by Mr Marsh, the students were taught how to safely use a Bunsen burner and perform controlled experiments, then evaluate their results.

They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said they would like to come back for a similar day.

Here are some of the comments from the Heathfield students and their parents:

'This was a very good use of his time as he learnt lots and talked about it all evening!' Mrs Hargreaves

'I enjoyed the Bunsen burner because I have never done it before.' Drew Taylor

'I loved doing the experiment with the salt water and the magnesium was definitely the best. Thank you.' Laura Butler

'I think more days like this in different subjects would be good to him ready for going to Oasis next year.' Mr Bowers

'I enjoyed the science a lot, it was so cool.' Thomas Guy'



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Having Fun At Montague Avenue

On the Thursday 12th August the residents of Montague Avenue in Sholing enjoyed a Community Fun Day held outside the local shops.

Organised by local agencies including Southampton City Council, No Limits, Surestart, Fire Service and the Academy, the day was generously funded by Hampshire Police.

There were activities for all ages, including bouncy castles, a beach experience, face painting, DJ workshops and of course the BBQ run by the Youth Service. The Fire Service brought a fire engine and the police had a patrol vehicle on site, so there was a lot of siren noise!

The Academy arranged to have the Red Bus on site complete with Oasis banners and information. Whilst some enjoyed the computer games downstairs, we did a roaring trade in hot chocolate drinks upstairs. It was so popular that we cleared the shelf of the local shop of all their hot chocolate supplies!

It was good to welcome students, parents and former students, and also a great opportunity to meet some of those who have just joined us in Year 7.



Join In At St Andrews

There will be an *Open Afternoon* at St Andrews (at the junction of Butts Road and South East Road), from 5pm on Sunday 10th October.



Refreshments will be available and all are welcome. Visitors will have a chance to find out what's new at St Andrews and put forward ideas for the future.

Why not come and get involved?

An invitation to
“Paradise Road”
There's a place for everyone

Share a journey
through your life in song and pictures

CENTRAL HALL
Tuesday 16 November 2010
1.30 - 4.00pm

Year 10 students involved in the **Everybody Sings** project will be performing at the above event on Tuesday 16th November. For more information contact the Music Service on **023 8083 3648**.

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8th October
6.30pm - 8.30pm
KS3 Grove Site

COME AND TAKE THE
CHALLENGE!

£5.00 per team payable
on the night
maximum of 6 people
per team

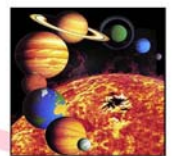
Children go FREE

Refreshments will be
available to purchase

To book in your team please call the

Extended Services Team on:
023 8042 5340 or email:

kelly.johnston@oasismayfield.org



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A Home For the Birds

At the end of last term, as part of the Eco-Schools programme, two representatives from Sholing Valleys Study Centre, ran an after school session with a group of Year 7s making Bird Boxes as well as a few Bat Boxes. The students were given tips about woodwork, as well as learning some important facts about the types of nesting boxes different breeds of bird will use and other information about bird life.

Each student went home with at least 1 box and most put them up in their gardens as soon as they went home.

If you would like more information about Sholing Valleys Study Centre, please contact them through their website www.sholingvalleys.hampshire.org.uk or by phone on 023 8043 2395.



Pictured left to right above:
Harrison Tarrant, Connor Dodge and Danny Targett

Get Involved With Recycling

We are carrying on our very successful Recycling Project started last year. This year we are offering the opportunity for all students in Key Stage 3 to get involved.

Recycling of classroom recyclable rubbish will take place every Tuesday during Tutor Time and any volunteers can earn 10 Vivos from being involved with this.

Additionally, if you have any old mobile phones or used printer cartridges, please bring them to Student Services on either site and earn extra Vivos for doing so.



Junior Master Chef Cooking Workshop

Wednesday 27th October
10.00am - 1.00pm
Food Tech Room
KS3 Grove Site



Come and have fun learning how to cook tasty, healthy dishes in our October Half Term Cooking Workshop

11 - 15 Years Old
Only £6.00 per person
The cost will include the supply of all ingredients



All places for the workshop MUST be booked in advance and a £2 deposit paid to Student Services (using the slip at the end of Bulletin 24)



For more information or if you would like to book a place, please contact the Extended Services Team on:

023 8042 5340

or email:

kelly.johnston@oasismayfield.org

Mayfield's Got Talent

So let's see it!



Can you perform?



Can you dance?



Can you sing?



Can you put on an amazing show?

To ENTER, register your name with Student Services (on either site). AUDITIONS are open to all years and will be held on Thursday 30th September from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Main Hall, KS3 Grove Site.



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After School Activities KS3 and KS4



Don't miss out!
Find out about
the many activities
being run at your
Academy.



For more information contact Mrs Johnston or Mrs Taylor in Extended Services
on 023 8042 5340 or visit the Academy website: www.oasisacademymayfield.org

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INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Notable Dates 2010:

23 September	Year 6 Open Evening - 6.30pm
4 October	Year 9 CAT test start this week
8 October	Autumn Quiz Night
13 October	Year 8 1st HPV Vaccination
14 October	Year 8 'Make Your Community Better' Day
20 October	Year 7 Settling In Evening 5-7pm
25 October	Start of Half Term

Next communication:
15 October 2010



Library News

Orders have been taken from Year 7 for their free book. Booked Up is a national programme run by Booktrust and supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and has proved extremely popular in the past.



SCHOLASTIC Just a quick reminder to all, that I am still running the Scholastic Book Club. Those of you who have used the club in the past will agree that the books and gifts are extremely good value, and dare I say it in September (!), it is a quick and easy way to order for Christmas gifts. The school makes 20% commission on all orders, so it is a great way to top up Library resources. New leaflets will be distributed again soon.

Congratulations to Samantha Lewis in Year 8A who last term won a competition entered by all Junior and Secondary Schools, to 'Design a Stinkermite' - a character from Ali Sparkes' books. Ali loved Sam's design she did very well to win out of all those entrants. Well done Sam!

Mrs Russo, Librarian

CALENDAR...

Week Commencing 27 September 2010

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Tutor Groups):
Monday - Year 11
Tuesday - Year 10
Wednesday - Year 9
Thursday - Year 8
Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Progress - what progress are you making

Social Skill of the week:

Working independently

Week Commencing 4 October 2010

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:

Ambition - what ambitions do you have?

Social Skill of the week:

Getting to class on time and being ready to work immediately

Week Commencing 11 October 2010

Scheduled Assemblies (led by ALT):
Monday - Year 11
Tuesday - Year 10
Wednesday - Year 9
Thursday - Year 8
Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Prepare - how organised are you

Social Skill of the week:

Attending the Academy on time (linked to Punctuality Week)

JUNIOR MASTER CHEF WORKSHOP - 27th October 2010

Student Name: _____ Tutor _____

is interested in taking part in the Junior Master Chef Cooking Workshop on 27th October. Enclosed is the £2.00 deposit with £4.00 outstanding. Please reserve him/her a place. Thank you.