



Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Our new building project has now started. The area has been sectioned off and preparation is underway for groundbreaking just after half term.

This year has got off to a good start with continued improvements in many areas. I thank parents for their continued support on consistency with uniform; this is having a strong impact on student focus. We want our conversations to be about learning and not uniform. As we come into colder weather can I remind you that outdoor clothing must be removed before entering the Academy. It is preferable that students have a top coat rather than additional sweat shirts and tops.

Another positive indicator is the improvement in attendance. Our September attendance was 94%. Let's continue to maintain and raise this; absence lowers performance.

Our Year 11s are preparing to sit their English GCSE examination in November and some will also sit their Maths examination. We look forward to seeing them in revision sessions during half term and wish them all the best with their exams in November.

PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM

Year 6 Open Evening

The Sheriff of Southampton, Councillor Terry Matthews, visited the Academy on Thursday 23rd September to greet parents and students attending our Year 6 Open Evening. The Sheriff spent time with current students in Year 8, who were showing their work and demonstrating what the Academy has to offer to parents and students making their secondary education choice for September 2011.

We welcomed approximately 200 visitors to the Academy during the evening. The event started with an introduction by our Principal John Toland followed by a presentation from Oasis Founder Steve Chalke, who was visiting the Academy for the day. Our guests were then given a guided tour by Year 11 students, with an opportunity to see the Academy first hand and ask any questions.

Before leaving, parents were asked if they could give us some feedback on their visit. Here are just a few of their comments:

'Really enjoyed the evening, very impressed.'

Mrs Stanton

'Found the evening very useful, it has been great in dispelling many previous negative concerns!'

Mrs Sketcher

'It has definitely gone up in my expectations. See you September 2011.'

Mrs Cole



Pictured right:
Steve Chalke



Pictured above left (from left to right):
Alisha Lawrence and Levi Simpson with the Sheriff of Southampton



Pictured directly above (from left to right):
Charlotte Small and Kaitlyn Fox

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CURRICULUM

Testing Times Ahead For Year 11

Please spare a thought for our Year 11s in the next few weeks, as the whole year group prepare for their GCSE English Language examination with approximately a quarter of the year sitting their Maths GCSE too.

Currently the Year 11s are working really hard with their revision, having completed their English coursework.

To help them with this preparation:

- Lessons are focusing on exam techniques and past papers
- Workshops are being held after school
- Workshops are being held during October half term
- Revision guides are being issued to Year 11 students free of charge

For information, the dates for the exams are:

English paper 1: 9am Monday 8th November 10
English paper 2: 9am Wednesday 10th November 10
Maths paper 1: 9am Tuesday 9th November 10
Maths paper 2: 9am Friday 12th November 10

By the time this bulletin reaches you, Year 11 parents should have received a letter inviting their son/daughter to attend the half term workshops. These are:

Maths - Monday 25th October
English - Tuesday 26th October

Please contact Mrs Wagner, Deputy Principal if you have any queries on the above.



World Mental Health Day: Friday 8th October 2010

Nine Year 9 students got involved with World Mental Health Day last Friday as part of the wellbeing curriculum area. The trip was good fun, educational and relaxing, but full of energy and ideas.

The group first enjoyed a presentation from students at Cantell School who form part of the 'Emotional Wellbeing Group'. The students shared their ideas and the work they have done to improve the wellbeing of students and staff in their school. After the introductions, there was a variety of workshops to gain more understanding of people who suffer from mental illness, for example: pottery, drumming for relaxation, learning about mindfulness, noticing everything not just seeing it and celebrities with mental health problems. Here are some reviews from students who went:

'I really enjoyed painting the plates and I think it went really well. It would have been even better if we had a few more people we knew in our groups.'
Maggie Edwards

'I enjoyed the art and drumming sessions, I think that next year there should be more socialising activities. I would go again and it gave us plenty of ideas for the peer mentoring scheme.' Jasmin Houghton

'I thought it was very exciting and energetic and it was a good way to learn about mental health and meet new people.' Adam Moore

'I thought it was a good way to spread awareness about mental health and how to deal with it.'
Stephen Golding-Lloyd

By Sadie Belbin

World Mental Health Day: pictured below from left to right: Maggie Edwards, Stephen Golding-Lloyd, Ceejay O'Dell, Katherine Gibbs and Jessie Axtell.

Library News

Congratulations to Year 8 student Emily Astley, who won our Summer Reading Challenge competition.

We had many entries, but Emily was a very worthy winner and was presented with a prize in assembly.



Well Done Emily!

From Miss White, Year 9 Leader:

The World Mental Health Day was a fantastic success. The behaviour of the students was impeccable and their contributions to the workshops were outstanding.

The aim of the day was for students to identify and develop their own wellbeing actions, to increase their knowledge of mental health and to be ambassadors of wellbeing for Oasis Academy Mayfield.



Keeping in touch

with Parents and Students

ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

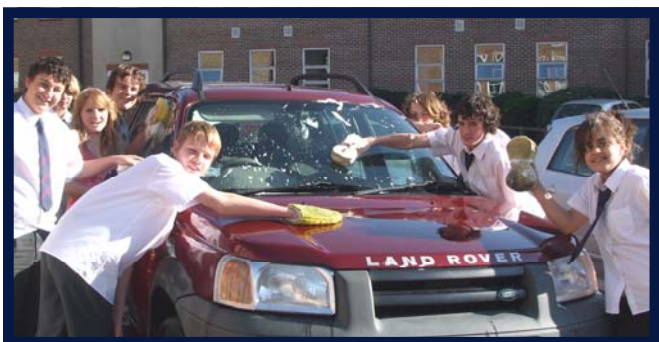
Enterprising Car Wash!

The Young Enterprise Team - company name *Fusion* - hosted their first car wash fundraiser on Monday 11th October on the KS4 Porchester Road site.

Staff were booked in between 2.45pm and 4pm and paid £4.00 for the service. They were lucky with the weather and gave all the cars a good soaping followed by a hose down. There were six satisfied customers and their first business venture netted them £24.00.

The Young Enterprise team will be holding another car wash in the very near future, and have various events planned throughout the year including a Christmas Trade Fair at West Quay on 28th November.

The team are: Mariam Akbari, Bethany Young, Emily Singleton, Molly Watts, Ellie Hendricks, Jake Frier, Rizvan Rahman, Simon Parsons, Jack Bowers, Ryan Downie, Reece Pillay, Eshrak Chowdhury, Jordan Cann and Josh Reisoglu.



Eco Schools News

Energy Monitors

We are keen to cut down on the amount of energy we use as an Academy. If any students would like to become Energy Monitors, helping to turn off lights and projectors in classrooms at the end of each day, please come to Student Services and ask for Mrs Adams in Finance. Extra Vivos will be awarded for this.

Oasis Academy Mayfield Eco Warriors

We are forming a group of students who are interested in helping the Academy become more Eco friendly. If you would like to be involved with this please let Mrs Brown know.

Recycling Project

This has started well. Recycling day is a Tuesday and any students wishing to get involved can bring their Tutor Group recyclable items to the Year 7 Block entrance during Tutor time on Tuesday mornings and earn 10 Vivos for doing so.

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.



COMMUNITY

Quizzical Night

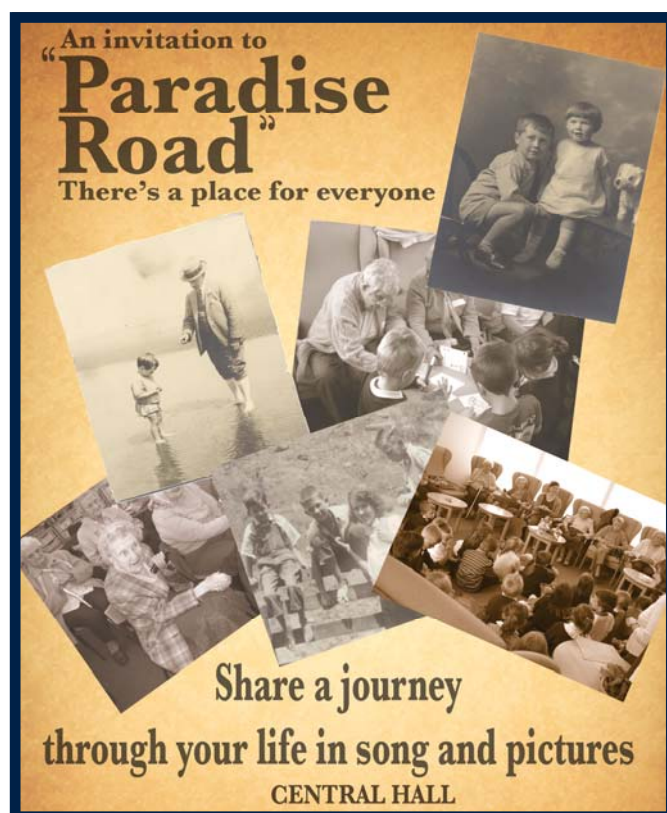
The very popular Mayfield Quiz Night made a welcome return to the Academy last Friday 8th October.

Ten teams took part, each had up to six team members; made up of parents, staff and local community, and the fun started at 6.30pm. Refreshments were available and the questions were asked as always by Paul Woodman, Academy Chaplain and leader at the recently re-opened St Andrew's Church in Sholing. Competition was fierce but the atmosphere was fun and lighthearted. Finally the winners *Meg's Mob* emerged, winning by a single point. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



A team enjoying the evening!

The next Mayfield Quiz Night is planned for March next term, more details will be available nearer the time.



Year 10 girls from the **Everybody Sings** project are working hard getting ready to perform at the above event on Tuesday **16th November 1.30-4pm**. For more information call 023 8083 3648.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Budding Chefs

Students are enjoying a chance to gain more cooking skills in a new Cookery Club this term.

After learning some basics in the first week, they were ready to make a classic pud, the fruit crumble! Staff were asked to bring in any excess fruit they had growing in their garden, ie apples, plums, rhubarb, raspberries, blackberries and pears for the students to use.

They all produced some tasty looking desserts and the results speak for themselves! Well done to the students and thank you to staff for their generosity.

Pictured right:
Brandon-Lee Tyler
and Lewis Collins



On the subject of cooking, there are only a few places left on the Master Chef Workshop during half term. So get your £2 deposit in to Student Services, with the slip on page 7 as soon as possible!

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)



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

FINAL CHANCE TO AUDITION!



Proceeds to the 2011 Trip to South Africa

Oasis academy
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Don't miss the FINAL chance to audition on Thursday 18th November from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Main Hall on the KS3 Grove site. Any questions, see Mr Baker or Miss Chand. Details of the first prize will be revealed after half term.

Spanish Club

Come along and have some fun learning Spanish.

Every Wednesday from 2.45 - 3.45pm in room 337 with Mrs Munoz and Ms Araujo.

Where are you going on holiday next year? Did you know the following countries all speak Spanish:

Cuba, Chile, El Salvador, Columbia, Honduras, Uruguay, Guinea Equatorial, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Peru, Paraguay, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama.



Adios Amigos!

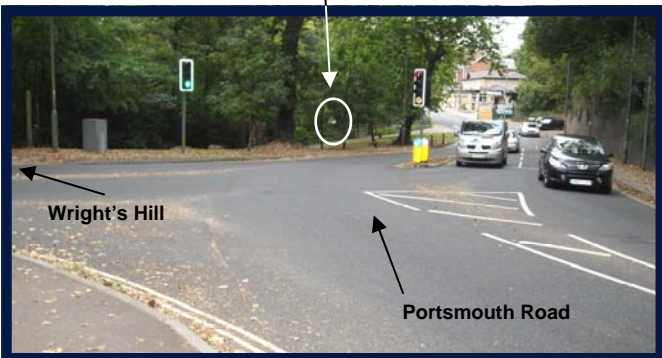
INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE About Walking Home

Please can all students take care when making their way to and from the Academy, as there maybe a stalker in the Mayfield Park area (reported in the Echo Monday 11th October). Particular care must be taken when using the footpath that starts at the base of Wright's Hill where it meets Portsmouth Road going toward Woolston. **DO NOT WALK ALONE.** Always ensure you are in pairs or small groups. These pictures may help you pinpoint the area referred to.



Footpath entrance to Mayfield Park



New Drop-In Service For Students

The Academy now has two nurses working with us.



KS3: Annie Marshall will be on site every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm and based in the medical room (near room 301). Annie will run a drop-in clinic on a no appointment necessary basis.



KS4: Nick Higgins will be on the Porchester Road site every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm in the medical room by reception. Although Nick's time is more limited, he will also be running a drop-in clinic for students.

Little Kickers is coming soon! Anyone interested in booking a place should call Little Kickers direct on: 01489 871916.

Approved football training for kids from 18 months to 7th birthday.

LittleKickers

Can I kick it? Yes you can.

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Courses in Gosport, Hedge End, Romsey, Southampton & Whiteley.

FA Qualified Coaches.

Develops agility, balance and coordination.

Early learning concepts such as colours and numbers are integrated into the activities.

Fun, exciting and healthy for your child.

No parent participation required.

Book your child's place today, call 01489 871 916 www.littlekickers.co.uk

The Academy Council

The Academy Council has been set up to serve as a sounding board and critical friend for the Principal and the Academy Leadership Team. The Council meets four times a year and receives a report from the Principal that covers all areas of Academy life, as well as updates on matters of Finance, HR and Health & Safety. Each Council member takes an interest in a specific area of Academy life. The Academy Council is made up of a number of Oasis appointed council members, as well as representatives from teaching, support staff, students, parents and the local authority.

The current Academy Council consists of:

- Billy Kennedy – Academy Council Chair
- Joe Dilger – Vice-Chair and member of Oasis Community Learning Executive
- Elaine Davidson – Safeguarding
- Jonathon Cathie – Finance
- Darren Paffey – Academy specialism
- Rob Marsden – Special Educational Needs
- Mike McKenna – Health & Safety
- Sue Kinch – Parent representative
- David Spratt – Staff representative
- Brett Summers – Support staff representative
- Juno Hollyhock – Student voice
- Neil Fitzgerald – Local authority representative
- Caryn Morant – Academy Council Clerk

The first meeting of this academic year was held on Wednesday 6th October.

Dates for future Academy Council meetings are:

- January 19th 2011
- March 23rd
- May 25th

To get in touch with a member of the Academy Council contact Caryn Morant:

Tel. 023 8032 8128

Email. caryn.morant@oasismayfield.org

INFORMATION



Excellent Class Work/Progress/Behaviour for Learning:

- A maximum of 4 Vivos for excellent class work, progress or behaviour for learning.
- To be awarded Vivos this must be over a period of time.
- Students will be awarded the highest number of 4 Vivos for work that is at or above student's GCSE/ NC Level.

Excellent Effort in Class/Homework/Coursework:

- A maximum of 4 Vivos can be awarded to students for excellent effort in class/ homework/coursework.
- A student's work must be at or above their GCSE/ NC Level.

Extra Curricular Activities/Workshops:

- Vivos will be awarded to students for regular attendance to after school clubs.
- Points will be awarded at the end of each half term by the Extended Services Team.

Representing the Academy:

- A maximum of 4 Vivos can be awarded to students for representing the Academy, this could be during an off-site visit, representing the Academy at a sporting events, visiting feeder schools etc.
- These points will be rewarded by the trip organiser or Student Services.

Tutor Period:

- Students can be awarded 1 Vivo each day for being in full uniform and with all necessary equipment, ie pen, planner, pencil and ruler.
- Students turning up, all week meeting the above expectations, will earn 12 Vivos per week.

Voluntary Work/Helping Others:

- A maximum of 2 Vivos can be awarded to students for helping others or for voluntary work.

Social Skill of the Week:

- A student can be awarded Vivos for demonstrating the Social Skill of the Week.

Vivo Punctuality Draw Tickets:

- At the end of each lesson the Teacher draws out a punctuality ticket and awards the winner 5 Vivos.

Eco Activities:

- Take part in Eco Schools activities to earn Vivos.

WANTED!



LINE DANCERS FOR CLASSES

STARTING 1ST NOVEMBER - 6TH DECEMBER
MONDAYS 7.45PM - 8.45PM

WITH BELINDA'S DANCE ACADEMY
@ OASIS ACADEMY MAYFIELD



6 WEEKS ONLY £24.00

NO EXPERIENCE OR PARTNER NEEDED.

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AS MINIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE NEEDED TO RUN CLASS.



For more information please contact Belinda on :
023 80786287 or 07748951444.

Email : belindasdanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk



The Saints Football Programme is running a course here at the Academy (for ages 4-13 years) during October half term from Monday 25th to Friday 29th, 10am - 3pm. For more details on weekly/daily costs, contact **0845 688 9370**.



Helpful Planning For Year 11...



Here is the list of College Open Days/Evenings being held in November 2010. As before, you can contact Connexions Direct for information and advice on your future choices.

Tel: 023 8091 7753

Web: www.connexions-direct.com

NOVEMBER 2010

Thursday 11th	Totton College	5.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesday 16th	Eastleigh	4.30 - 7.30pm
Tuesday 16th	St Vincent	6.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 17th	Itchen	5.00 - 8.00pm
Thursday 18th	Southampton City	5.30 - 7.30pm
Sunday 14th	Academy of Music & Sound	11.00 - 3.00pm
Saturday 20th	Sparsholt	10.00 - 3.00pm
Thursday 25th	Taunton's	6.30 - 9.00pm
Monday 29th	Academy of Music & Sound	6.30 - 8.30pm

DON'T FORGET

There is a Careers/Connexions Personal Advisers based in the Academy on the KS4 Porchester Road site.

Jan Rance is available

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
 (in the room at the end of Humanities)

Tel: 023 8042 6900

Email: Jan.Rance@oasismayfield.org

Keeping in touch

with Parents and Students

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Notable Dates 2010:

20 October	Year 7 Settling In Evening 5-7pm
25 - 29 October	Half Term
8 November	Start of Maths & English GCSE
10 November	GCSE Presentation Evening
15 November	Parents' Meeting: German Xmas Market Trip
16 November	Intergenerational Singing Event: 'Paradise Road' 1.30-4pm
22 November	Year 10 Parents' Evening 5-7pm

Next communication:
15 November 2010



Student Lateness and Absence

Here are the telephone numbers for reporting absence, late arrival and generally contacting **Student Services:**

For Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9
- The Grove site KS3:

Tel: 023 8032 8128

For Year 10 & Year 11
- Porchester Road site KS4:

Tel: 023 8042 6902 (direct line)



Claim Your Lost Property

Lost property items will be displayed in the reception area of KS3 between 3pm - 4pm on Thursday 21st October. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity.



CALENDAR...

Week Commencing 1 November 2010

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Year Leaders):

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

Theme of the week:

Diwali - have you seen the light? (5 November)

Social Skill of the week:

To support students who may not be your friends

Week Commencing 8 November 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:

Armistice/Remembrance Day: lest we forget (11 November)

Social Skill of the week:

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

Week Commencing 15 November 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:

Bullying - do you support others?

Social Skill of the week:

Avoiding conflict with peers (Anti-bullying week 15-19 November)

Family Film Night At St Andrews! Why not get together over the half term and see a screening of The Penguins of Madagascar: Happy King Julien Day. The film will be showing at St Andrews on South East Road in Sholing, starting at 6pm on Friday 29th October. Everyone welcome - admission is free. Organised by the newly opened St Andrews Church.



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.