



# Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Christmas is here and I hope everyone will have a well deserved rest and a positive family time.

This was a busy term and I want to thank everyone for their joint efforts to continue our drive to raise aspirations and expectations. This is driving up our attainment in examinations and student engagement and enjoyment of learning. Our Year 11s have secured a significant number of early qualifications and are completing their mock GCSE examinations this week.

Attendance has been much higher, well done to everyone; attendance is crucial to improving progress and raising attainment.

Our new building is now taking shape! It is exciting to see this progress and think that this time next year it will be near completion.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

PRINCIPAL

Pictured above with Principal John Toland, from left to right: William Clothier, Callum Stubbs, Stephen House and Elisa Gashi (part of the New Build Vertical Group)



## CURRICULUM

### Groundbreaking Ceremony At The Academy

On Friday 26th November, the Academy held a special celebration to mark the start of construction work on our brand new site.

The ceremony was well attended by special guests and began with speeches from Steve Chalke (Oasis Founder and CEO of Oasis Community Learning), Mayor Carol Cunio, Councillor Paul Holmes (Southampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Children's Services) and our Principal, John Toland. There was then an opportunity to find out more about the fantastic design of our new state-of-the-art Academy building from the architects and Oasis' overall vision for a community hub.

Guests then went out to the Groundbreaking site for photographs to mark the occasion.

Steve Chalke said, "This community deserves the best educational facilities that can be provided in which our young people can fulfil their great potential."



Pictured above right, back row from left to right: John Denham MP, Sue Blatchford, Cllr Paul Holmes and Steve Chalke  
Front row, from left to right: Callum Stubbs, Principal John Toland, Mayor Carol Cunio, Elisa Gashi, Stephen House and Royston Smith

Pictured right, Steve Chalke MBE



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## CURRICULUM

### National Opera Masterclass For Students

On Thursday 25th November, a group of Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE students received a very special visit from the Welsh National Opera and had the opportunity to take part in an amazing musical masterclass.


During the day, professionals from the WNO helped students compose a piece of music to go with a short film and their efforts were recorded. At the end of the day they were given a DVD of the finished product.

The Academy was the only school in Southampton to be visited by the WNO, made possible through Miss Chand our Curriculum Leader for Music, Art and Drama. The WNO were very impressed with the standard of work. Well done to all the students involved.



Pictured right, from left to right:  
Back row: Sam Newham, Miss Chand, Jordan Peach, Gareth Coffin, WNO composers Pete M Wyer and James Clarke, Benjamin Palmer, Michael Baily-Edwards

Front row: Gregory Jackson, James Thompson, Bethany Young and Josh Stockton

 Welsh National Opera  
Cenedlaethol Cymru

### Award-Winning Visit By Local Author

A group of Year 8 students were treated to a very entertaining morning when they were visited by author Ali Sparkes on Thursday 18th November.

During the visit, students got the chance to ask questions, take part in demonstrations and talk about Ali's stories in more detail. Everyone was immediately captivated by the hilarious stories of her early attempts to get published and the origin of her love for writing. Ali also showed examples of her work including her first stories created when she was just fifteen!

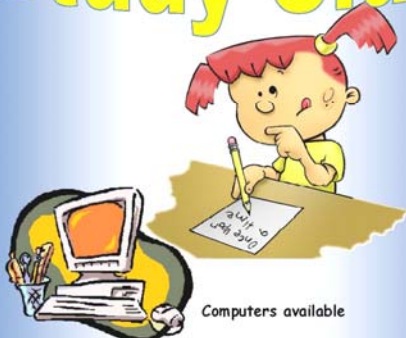
At the end of the morning, many students were eager to read Ali's books and said they wanted to read and write more in the future.



Would you like extra help with your homework?  
Would you like a quiet place to study?  
Would you like someone to listen to you read?

If the answers are yes, then why not come to:

# Study Club



Computers available

When: Every Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday  
Time: 2:45pm - 4:00pm  
Place: LAC2

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Pictured left with Ali Sparkes, from left to right:  
Front row: Sam Potts, Dominic Hardy, Jack West and Georgia Filgate  
Middle row: Georgina Waller, Taylor Parkman, Luke Stockton, Brandon Morgan, Megan Kimber and Chloe Whyte  
Back row: Louise Wills, George Dewar and Kaitlyn Fox

# Keeping in touch

## with Parents and Students

### CURRICULUM

#### Constructing A Future

A group of Year 10's have begun a BTEC Construction course at Southampton City College. The course takes in Brickwork, Carpentry plus Painting and Decorating, and so far they are off to a flying start. Brickwork lecturer Kevin McGowan had this to say on their progress:

"I would like to take this opportunity to mention how well behaved and hard working this group of students are. They come to lessons with a very good attitude, get straight on task, stay focused, ask relevant questions and are a pleasure to teach. I have also spoken to Mike McPadden (Carpentry) and Colin Reid (Painting and Decorating) and the feedback from these departments is the same".

Mr Summers, who attends college with the group, echoed this saying, "It is really good seeing these students applying themselves and this is evident in the level of success they are having and the quality of work they are producing".



#### Army Maps The Way

On Wednesday 24th November, the Army Geographical Squad came into the Academy to work with a group of Year 11 Geography students, as part of their preparation for GCSE exams.

During the afternoon, students had the chance to enhance their map skills, discuss and ask questions about how the Army use maps and take part in a challenge. The Army also did some orienteering using GPS systems.

It was a very useful afternoon and the students enjoyed a different approach to learning about maps for their GCSEs. Prize winners on the day were Alex Kalizewski, Sanjay Sharma and Harry Gulliver. Well done to them.



#### Army Challenge For Year 10

On Monday 6th December, Year 10 Business Studies students took part in 'Build a Barrack Day'. The aim of the event was to run, finance and build new Army barracks all over the UK. Both the students and the Army worked together on budgets, planning, PR and Customer Services to come up with the best solutions.

Year 10 Students worked hard and organised their teams very well for the final presentation. The day was enjoyed by all.



#### Sweet Success

The Young Enterprise Group are continuing to work hard at running their company called 'Fusion'. This has included setting up a stand, producing PR, stock control and finance, to ensure the company is moving in the right direction.

Recently, during the Year 10 and Year 11 Parents' Evenings, *Fusion* sold sweets as part of their ongoing business plan. They demonstrated excellent team work and communication when working together and talking to customers.



Pictured above, left to right:  
Josh Reisoglu, Jack Bowers, Ben Bevis,  
Jake Frier and Ryan Downie

## CURRICULUM

### Year 11 Art Trip to London

On Thursday 25th November a group of Year 10 and Year 11 students went to London to visit the Tate Modern and National Portrait Gallery as a support to their GCSE Art studies.

As part of the trip, students were able to see many beautiful pieces of art, including paintings and sculptures, by artists they have been learning about and were also able to attend some fascinating talks. During the journey home students evaluated their day and were awarded certificates for different contributions to the overall experience.

It was a very inspiring day and the students really enjoyed it.



Pictured above:  
National Portrait  
Gallery

Pictured right,  
Mitchell Hill

### Library News

The Library currently has a rather large number of overdue loans issued to students. Please can we ask that students take time during the Christmas break to look for their overdue books and return them to the Library in the New Year?  
Thank you for your help.

The Library staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Russo and Mrs Ellis



## ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Eco Schools News

#### Eco Code

We have had an excellent response to our Eco Code Competition with a very high standard of entries. The winner will be announced by the end of term and the winning code will be adopted by the Academy for use around the school and to help with our bid for Silver Eco Schools status. Watch out for the winning code in the next Bulletin.



#### Switch Off Fortnight

This has been running from Monday 6th December until Friday 17th December. Students and staff have been encouraged to think about turning off lights, projectors and monitors when leaving classrooms. The Facilities Team have been monitoring our energy usage for several months and we will be looking at the figures at the end of Switch Off Fortnight, to see if this campaign has managed to make any difference.

#### Energy Monitors

Following on from Switch Off Fortnight, if any students would like to become Academy Energy Monitors please let your Tutor know. You will be able to earn extra Vivos for this.

#### Recycling Day

Don't forget that Tuesday is Recycling Day on KS3! Any student wishing to be involved with this, can help by bringing their Tutor group's recyclable rubbish down to the Year 7 Block entrance during Tutor time, for emptying into the Academy's Recycling Bins. You will earn 10 Vivos for doing this and you will be helping the environment!

#### Recycling Mobile Phones and Printer Cartridges

Please keep bringing in your old mobile phones or used printer cartridges and handing them in to Student Services on either site (with your name) to earn extra Vivos.



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## Cleaner Required

Fixed Term until 31.8.11 - 15 hours per week - Grade 1, Point 4: £6.29 per hour  
Afternoon shift 15.00 to 18.00 - based on our Porchester Road site (Woolston)

We are looking for a hard working, reliable cleaner to support the Academy Facilities Team, in ensuring a clean and safe environment for students, staff and visitors.  
We are committed to safeguarding, therefore an enhanced CRB check will be required.

For further details and an application form, please contact:  
Cally Goodhew on 023 8042 6281 / [cally.goodhew@oasismayfield.org](mailto:cally.goodhew@oasismayfield.org)  
Oasis Academy Mayfield The Grove Southampton SO19 1DQ

# Keeping in touch

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### COMMUNITY

#### Saturday Night's For Dancing

On Saturday 13th November, Oasis Academy Mayfield hosted a Dance Competition, which was organised by Belinda's Dance Academy

Approximately 150 dancers, their parents and friends attended from BELINDA'S DANCE ACADEMY, STREET BEATZ and SCARLETS DANCE SCHOOL, consisting of local students and their families.

During the competition there were different events held: Street Solo's (for all ages), Disco Pairs (for all ages), Team Dance (10 teams took part), plus Parent and Child Dance – to get the parents involved! On the judging panel was Hayley from Bustagroove and De Photo's were in attendance.

It was a fantastic fun night and a raffle was held to help with show funds.

Thank you to all those involved and Trophyman for supplying the competition trophies.



#### YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE COUNCIL

If you would like to know more about this contact:

Sheena Griffiths or Katherine Weidland

Sheena.Griffiths@southampton.gov.uk

Katherine.Weidland@southampton.gov.uk

Tel: 07818 588479 / 07795 046360

### COMMUNITY

#### Everybody Sings In 'Paradise Road'

Year 10 students, who were involved in the 'Everybody Sings' project, which took part in an amazing event called 'Paradise Road' on Tuesday 16th November at Central Hall.

The title 'Paradise Road' comes from 'On Mother Kelly's Doorstep', an Edwardian Music Hall song. It represents the idea of people of all generations and communities travelling along life's road together; sharing and learning from each other. 'Paradise Road' is the first opportunity for different generations in Southampton to come together and share music, culture and experiences through a dedicated concert.

This huge free event was hosted by Southampton City Council's Hampshire Music Service and attended by over 600 people. It started at 1.30pm and was opened by Mayor Carol Cunio. Attendees included students and staff from Primary, Junior and Secondary education, the elderly from sheltered housing, disabled people and their carers, the Roshni group, black heritage and families from the local community.

Our Year 10 girls spent a lot of their own free time researching housing, schooling, leisure, jobs and relationships in the 1930s and 1940s and singing old and new songs to prepare for the event. Throughout the year they have also visited various groups including elderly residents at the Orpen Road sheltered housing scheme and the Roshni Group in St Denys to find out about their lives. This work was a feature of 'Paradise Road'. The audience was treated to an interactive show which encouraged them to sing and dance and share memories of years gone by.

Pictured below with Mrs Bolwell and Mr Toland are the students who took part:

**Beth Young (Mrs Bolwell), Emily Singleton, Mariam Akbari, Jade Carlin, (Mr Toland), plus Gareth Coffin and Josh Stockton** who were an important part of the intergenerational orchestra.

All six students were a credit to the Academy. Everyone commented on the standard of the performers and what a wonderful time they'd had. Thanks go to Mrs Bolwell for her involvement and the students who took part. Well done for such a positive contribution to our community.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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### Sailing Weekend

13th to 15th May 2011

Become a crew member aboard the **Adventures Offshore** Sail Training vessel *Offshore Scout*. This will be in Suffolk around the rivers Orwell and Stour. **Only £110 for the weekend including travel.** £25 deposit will secure your place. **(If you think you deserve help with payment please to talk to Student Services.)**

This trip is mainly about teamwork, but on this voyage you will also experience piloting, basic navigation, meteorology, practical seamanship, steering, sail handling, mooring, rope work and galley duties.

You could gain the RYA qualification 'Start Yachting' or work towards 'Competent Crew'.

For more details including costs, see one of the following staff:  
**Mr Drewery**, Miss Roberts, Miss White, Mr Stenou or pick up a pack from Student Services.



*Adventures Offshore gives the opportunity for young people from all backgrounds to experience the fun, adventure, excitement and self-discipline of going to sea under sail.*

Adventures Offshore: Tolken Lane West Mersea Colchester CO5 8NT Tel: 01206 385071  
[www.adventuresoffshore.co.uk](http://www.adventuresoffshore.co.uk)

### Confirmed - Dutch Sailing Trip

As well as our popular sailing weekend in May (see above), we are delighted to announce that we are planning a five day sailing expedition to Holland between 5th and 10th July 2011. During the voyage, we intend to visit a Dutch school in the town of Middleburg, expanding the Academy's international links.

The trip will be on one of the Sail Training vessels that we use during our weekends, but will include the two cross channel passages (depending on the weather). This expedition is aimed primarily at our Year 10 and Year 11 students, but we can also offer places to Year 9 students who have attended the sailing club, or who have sailed on an Adventures Offshore weekend.

The cost of the trip is £315 including transport. We can only offer 9 places at present. If you wish to reserve a place, please return a £40 deposit to Student Services as soon as possible. For more information, please see Mr Drewery.

## Mayfield's Got Talent

### So let's see it!

### Mayfield's Got Talent - THE FINAL

On a cold Wednesday December evening (1st) many acts braved the elements to come back to the Academy and perform in our Mayfield's Got Talent competition. The standard of performances was tremendous. Singing, dancing, a gymnastic display, comedy - a real variety of acts.

The competition was put together in aid of our South Africa Trip 2011. With help from parents, staff and Year 11 students, all the performers reached the Final by auditioning prior to the night. The eventual winners were Katie and Ollie Downer with their unique interpretation of 'an alternative guide to music'.

Mr Baker is extremely grateful and very proud of all the students who performed - below - and would like to thank all those involved for their hard work and support.

Tamara Ramsey  
Charlotte Small and Callum Barnes  
Katie & Ollie Downer  
Francesca Watson  
Josh Read and Zachary Barnes  
Ellie Arnold  
Laura Bull  
Jessica Turner and Ky-Lynne Bowers  
Amanda Bessant  
Aaron Harvey-Ellis  
Amy Corbin  
Emily Singleton, Mariam Akbari and Beth Young  
Charlie and Jack Denton with their Band 'Lock N Load'  
- performing during the Final (below)



### INFORMATION

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Immunity  
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Contact: 07980 722194  
info@orchardyoga.co.uk  
www.orchardyoga.co.uk  
private tuition available



## Careers Fair

Wednesday 9th February 2011

6pm - 8pm KS3 Grove Site



**What do you plan to do  
when you finish school?**



**Come along and find out  
what opportunities and  
careers are on offer to you.**



Open to all students in Years 9, 10, 11 and their parents

For more information please contact Extended Services on 02380 425340  
Oasis Academy Mayfield The Grove Sholing Southampton SO19 9LX  
www.oasisacademymayfield.org

### Uniform Recycling Initiative and Lost Property

We are setting up a 'nearly new shop' for Academy uniforms.

**Has your child grown out of their uniform or were they in Year 11 and have now left us? If yes, then please consider donating their old uniform.**



All donated uniforms for this recycling initiative should be laundered and handed into Student Services with a letter to confirm what is being donated and who has donated the items. All monies received will be donated to Charity.

With this in mind, we still have a large amount of unclaimed lost property. If you have been missing an item either recently, or for quite a while, you may find we still have it. The full collection of lost property will again be available to view in the reception area of KS3 in the new year - on Thursday 13th January, between 3pm-4pm.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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Opportunities to try sport  
all over Hampshire

## Want to get active?

### Return to Badminton

The Grove, Sholing, Southampton  
SO19 9LX

10 Weeks Badminton Coaching  
Starting Saturday 22nd January 2011  
10.00am - 11.30am  
£45 per person

To book a place please phone:  
023 80 425340  
or email:  
Tracy.Taylor@oasismayfield.org

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## INFORMATION

### The Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday

7.45am - 8.30am



Starting Monday 19th April

Room 309, KS3 Grove Site



Students will be able to get a healthy breakfast for only 20p per day.



Regular attendees will be awarded 2 Vivos per day.

For more information, collect a letter from Student Services.

A good start to the day!

## Christmas Poem

By Laura Bull



It falls down from the sky as gentle as a feather  
The fluffiness of the ground as it lays  
The excitement the children get when they're  
out playing in it

The shivers mum gets standing in the cold  
Throwing it at one another, laying gently, gently  
still flowing through the air

White is the only colour you could see for miles  
and miles away.

The clouds bunged up ready to burst with more.  
I'm waiting for it to fall gently and catch it by one  
by one in my hands.

Have you guessed what it is..... ?

Its snow!!!!



## Helpful Planning For Year 11...



Here is the list of College Open Days/Evenings being held in January and February 2011

As before, you can contact Connexions Direct for information and advice on your future choices. Tel: 023 8091 7753 Web: [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

### JANUARY 2011

Saturday 15th	Sparsholt	10.00 - 3.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Above Bar College	5.30 - 7.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Totton	5.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 20th	Hamble Skills Centre (023 8045 7608)	4.30 - 7.30pm
Friday 21st	Warsash Maritime (01489 556295)	tbc
Wednesday 26th	ExxonMobil (023 8089 5428)	From 7pm
Thursday 27th	ExxonMobil (023 8089 5428)	From 7pm
Thursday 27th	Eastleigh	4.30 - 7.30pm

### FEBRUARY 2011

Thursday 10th	SETA (023 8077 1908)	4.45 - 7.30pm
Thursday 25th	Taunton's	6.30 - 9.00pm
Monday 28th	Academy of Music & Sound	6.30 - 8.30pm

### DON'T FORGET

There is a Careers/Connexions Personal Adviser 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](mailto:Jan.Rance@oasismayfield.org)

# Keeping in touch

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## INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

#### Notable Dates 2011:

4 January	Inset Day
5 January	First day back of the Spring Term
10 January	Yr 11 Mock Exams start
19 January	Yr 9 Parents' Evening 5-7pm
13 January	Lost property on display at KS3
19-23 January	KS4 Language/Science Trip to France

9 February Careers Fair 6-8pm

Next communication:  
17 January 2011



### 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)



### Have You Moved Or Changed Your Details?

If you have any changes to your contact details, your child's medical details or circumstances which could result in free school meals, please complete the slip below or contact Student Services on the above telephone numbers for either KS3 or KS4. Thank you.



### CHANGE TO STUDENT DETAILS

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Numbers: (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

My child may be entitled to free school meals - please provide me with an application form: **Yes/No**

My child has the following health issues: \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR...

### Week Commencing 3 January 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Principal):

Wednesday - Year 9

Thursday - Year 8

Friday - Year 7

#### Theme of the week:

*Epiphany (6 January)*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*New Year, new beginnings, new chances, new choices*

### Week Commencing 10 January 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by ALT):

Monday - Year 11

Tuesday - Year 10

Wednesday - Year 9

Thursday - Year 8

Friday - Year 7

#### Theme of the week:

*Rewards*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*Treating others with courtesy and respect - not pushing people out of the way*

### Week Commencing 17 January 2011

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:

*Martin Luther King Day (17 January)*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*Treating others with courtesy and respect - say please and thank you*