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# Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome back to a new year, I hope you all had a restful break.

We celebrate our Year 11 students and thank parents for their support in the recent early entry examinations. Year 11 have added GCSE English to their list of early entry qualifications and all students sat the exam in November; 34% achieved C grade or higher. In fact, 11 students gained A*/A and a further 25% reached D grade, with 6 months to work on the feedback they receive, these students are well placed to reach upper grades.

A number of students took Maths early and 48% gained C+ grade, with most others reaching a D. Presently 85% of our students have 1 or more C+ GCSEs, 47% have at least 2 and 17% have 3 and 6 students have 4 C+ GCSEs.

In addition to this, many students have secured high grades in modules through Year 10 and 11 which will add to this summer's results.

Working together we will continue to raise the attainment and learning of all our students.

PRINCIPAL

**Pictured right, Mr Knight congratulates student Karl Heather during the Year 11 Results Assembly on Friday 14th January, held to celebrate students' early entry success.**

## CURRICULUM

### New SUMO Programme Carries Heavyweight Message…

On Friday 10th December, Year 11 students started a new innovative programme called SUMO.

SUMO (which means 'I choose' in Latin) is designed to give students a greater awareness of themselves and how positive actions, thoughts and feelings can literally change their lives at school and their future.

The programme is fun, but with a serious educational message and the students have really enjoyed the challenges within the sessions.

Currently Year 11 have had two SUMO sessions in the Autumn Term and three more are planned in late January, March and April. Each session lasts 50 minutes and focuses on different aspects of self awareness, self esteem, attitudes and actions, to help them in every area of life.

Staff have also had a session on SUMO to help strengthen the support available to students.

**Students getting into SUMO suits during the first session**

**Pictured above: Ben Jones (SUMO suit) and Aiden Reidy**

**James Edwards, pictured right**

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## CURRICULUM

### ‘Sprechen Sie Deutsch’ In Germany?

A group of Year 9 students went to Germany 26th-28th November 2010.

**A Report by Jasmin Houghton**

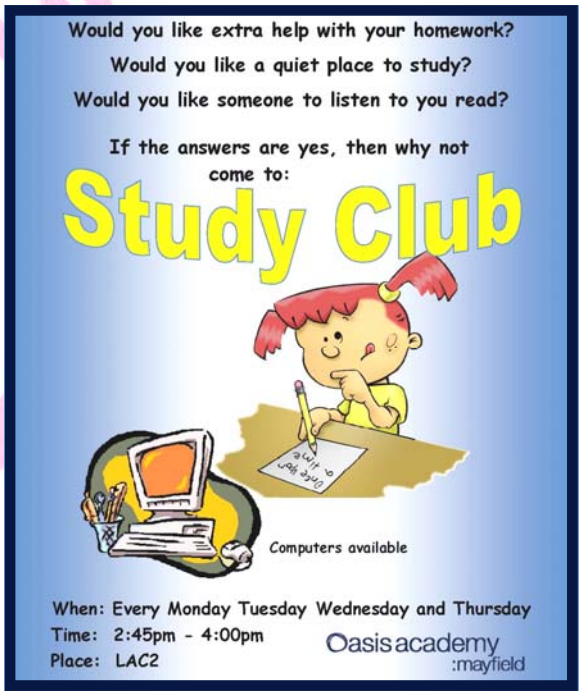
We started the trip very early Friday morning (about 12 midnight!) and travelled to Germany by coach via the ferry. The crossing was really bad and there was a bit of sickness. Once we got to Cologne, we went straight to our first Christmas Market which had a Medieval theme. Then it was onto our second one which was huge and traditionally themed. Then the third Christmas Market was held under Cologne Cathedral and even bigger than the first two, with over 400 stalls!

Around 6pm, we went to our accommodation and found it very hot inside as it had been quite cold during the day. After settling in and having our evening meal, we went to the disco. But we didn’t stay long as we were all so shattered.

In the morning, we had a nice breakfast and went to Phantasialand for the day (which is in Bruhl, just outside Cologne). When we got there about 11am, we were split into two groups and went round the theme park having a brilliant time! Then it was back to the coach at 4.30pm and off for a quick last visit to the third Christmas Market we visited the day before. It was so busy that it was hard to get round so me and my friends stuck to the shops near the train station which wasn’t so busy - like a bigger version of Waterloo Station. That evening we packed our stuff and got ready to travel home the next day.

The ferry crossing back was much nicer than on the way there and I got home about 8pm. Even though I was tired on Monday, I really enjoyed it and would go again!

Above, staff show the Mayfield team spirit (pictured, our Business & Finance Director Mrs Osborne and our HR Assistant, Miss Goodhew), by helping out at lunch when it was short staffed last week due to colds and flu spilling over from Christmas.



German Christmas Market pictured above

Snowy sight in Germany pictured right

Phantasialand pictured left

## ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

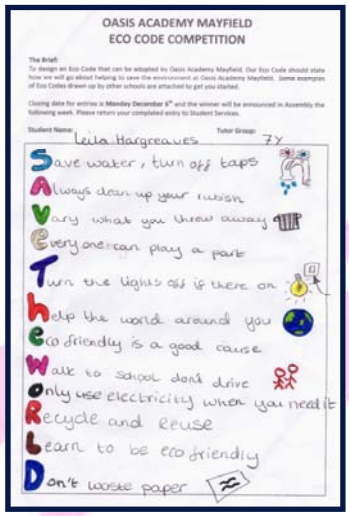
### Eco Schools News

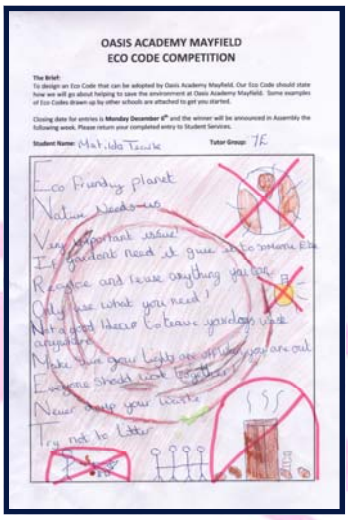
**Eco Code**

We had an excellent response to our Eco Code Competition with a very high standard of entries.

The winning entry was produced by Callum Barnes 7E, with Leila Hargreaves 7Y and Matilda Tearle 7E as joint runners up. The results were announced in Year 7 assembly and the winners presented with their prizes.

The winning code will now be adopted by the Academy for use around the school and to help with our bid for Silver Eco Schools status. Look out for Callum's code on the Eco Schools Notice Board and on the website.




**Right, joint runners up: the entries by Leila Hargreaves and Matilda Tearle**

**Above, Callum Barnes with his winning entry**

**Bag Making**

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December a company called Mors Bags came into the Academy. They specialise in making bags from recycled fabric. A group of students were involved with this and had a great time producing a bag which they got to keep at the end of the sessions. The finished bags were very impressive.

**Pictured above left: Ellie Arnold, Toby Diaper, Laura Bull, Ellie Arnold and Shelby Field**
**Pictured above right: Samantha Bricknell**

**Energy Monitors**

If any students would like to become Academy Energy Monitors please let your Tutor know. It will be your job to remind your subject teachers to switch off lights, projectors and monitors before leaving the classroom at the end of each lesson. You will be able to earn extra Vivos for this.

**Recycling Day**

Don't forget that Tuesday is Recycling Day on Key Stage 3! 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 and you will be helping the environment!

**Mobile Phones and Printer Cartridges for Recycling**

Please keep bringing in your old Mobile Phones or used Printer Cartridges and hand them in to Student Services on either site to earn extra Vivos.

## COMMUNITY

### A Christmas Carol Concert To Remember

On Monday 13th December, Oasis Academy Mayfield held its annual Christmas Carol Concert at St Andrews in South East Road. The Academy was delighted to be able to hold it at St Andrews due to Oasis' links with the New Community, City Life and the Methodist church.

The concert began with a welcome and opening prayers from our Principal John Toland (pictured below, bottom right); followed by readings from our Head Boy, Joshua Scott and Head Girl, Elisa Gashi.

Students and staff from the Academy performed a mix of traditional carols and some current songs to an appreciative audience of family and friends from the local community and surrounding area. This included songs by our very own Glee Club, our Performing Arts Choir and a beautiful rendition of 'Pie Jesu' by Katie Downer and Miss Chand, Curriculum Leader of Music and Art. There were further contributions from the Everyone Sings group, our GCSE Music students and a reading by Billy Kennedy, our Academy Council Chairperson. All the students were amazing and did a fantastic job of encouraging everyone to participate.

**Pictured bottom left, students performing**

**Pictured bottom right, Principal John Toland**

**Pictured top right, Steve Chalke**

At the close of the concert a final reading was offered by Terry Hudson, Methodist Minister, then prayers and blessings by Paul Woodman, Academy Chaplain. Steve Chalke (pictured right), CEO of Oasis Community Learning who attended with his wife, said a final few words and the evening finished with festive refreshments and Christmas cheer all round!

### *Fun*draising!

On the last day of term, we raised funds for Help the Heroes and Oasis South Africa with a non-uniform day. Following the theme of 'Tell us about you', students and staff dressed in their weekend casuals or outfits that represented hobbies and interests.

Tom Dawkins (Student Support Worker) and Toby Diaper (Year 8) both pictured right, looked terrific in their motor cycling gear and even the motor bike came into school that day! We raised over £600 to send to our two worthy causes.

The Vertical Student Leadership Group for Fundraising are always looking for good causes and for inventive ways of raising money. If you wish to join in or have any ideas talk to your Year Group Rep:

Y8 Taylor Parkman Y9 Sadie Belbin Y10 Callum Healey Y11 Mehnaz Rahman

Year 7 need to be represented – please see Mrs West (or email lou.west@oasismayfield.org) if you would like to be considered for this role.

Mr Baker, Mrs Harvey and the South Africa team continue to raise money towards the student visit to Oasis South Africa in July 2011. If you would like to sponsor this visit or have fundraising ideas please contact them at the Academy.

## COMMUNITY

### Let's Cook For Children In Need!

On Thursday 16th December, the Academy held a 'Cake Sale' to raise money for Children In Need.

Students and staff got out their wooden spoons and donated a range of lovely cakes, which were sold during break and lunch for the charity.

One talented member of the Mayfield Cooking Club, Lewis Collins (pictured right with Mrs Knight), made a fantastic chocolate cake which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who bought a piece. We might have a very own Jamie Oliver!

The 'Cake Sale' was part of the BBC's nationwide *Get Baking* campaign, which aims to raise at least £20,000 for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The Academy raised £89.62 in just those two breaks during the day.

**Why not help out during your local Conservation Day: Sunday 30th January from 10.30am onwards at Sholing Valleys Study Centre, Station Road, Sholing.**

**For more information telephone: 023 8043 2395 or email: sholingvalleys@btinternet.com**

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Saints For Christmas!

Several students from the Academy were able to attend the Saints Football Course, which ran in the Christmas break from 20th - 23rd December.

**A Report by Owen Crook**

I went to the Saints Football course in the holiday and it was great! I made loads of friends and had fun.

We did some great challenges, such as Penalties, American Shootout, Free Kicks, Crossbar Challenge and much more.

There was a presentation at the end and I got two trophies and three medals! Now I really want to go again.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Adventures Offshore

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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

### Confirmed - Dutch Sailing Trip in JULY

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 £285 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.

## INFORMATION

# 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**

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## Junior MasterChef Cooking Workshop

**Wednesday 23rd February**
**10.00am - 1.00pm**
**KS3 Grove Site**
**Room 310 - Food Tech Room**

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

**11-15 years old**
**Only £6.00 per person.**
The cost will include the supply of all ingredients.

Please collect a letter from Student Services.
All places for the workshop must be booked in advance and a £2 deposit paid to Student Services.

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
also collect a letter from Student Services.

# SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 18th March**
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**
**KS3 Grove Site**

**COME AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE**

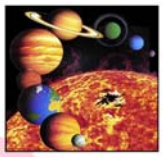
**£5.00 per team**
**Payable on the night**
**Children go FREE**

**Maximum of 6 people per team.**

**Refreshments will be available to purchase**

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

To book in your team please call the Extended Services Team on:
023 8042 5340
or email: kelly.johnston@oasismayfield.org



## INFORMATION

### Join The Saints At Half Term

**For course costs, other venues or to find out more information call: 0845 688 9370**

The Saints football programme during the Half Term holidays is a great way for children aged 4-13 years to improve their footballing skills, make new friends and have lots of fun.

**Venue: Oasis Academy Mayfield**
**Date: Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 11**
**Time: 10am - 3pm**

*You may be recommended to the Saints Academy!*

### Helpful Planning For Year 11

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

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

**JANUARY 2011**

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| 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 Academy (01489 556295) | 10.00 - 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 26th | ExxonMobil (023 8089 5428) | From 7.00pm |
| Thursday 27th | ExxonMobil (023 8089 5428) | From 7.00pm |
| Thursday 27th | Eastleigh | 4.30 - 7.30pm |

**FEBRUARY 2011**

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| Wednesday 2nd | Brockenhurst | 6.30 - 9.00pm |
| Tuesday 8th | Fareham | 5.00 - 8.00pm |
| Thursday 10th | Highbury | 4.30 - 7.00pm |
| Thursday 10th | SETA (023 8077 1908) | 4.45 - 7.30pm |
| Monday 28th | Academy of Music & Sound | 6.30 - 8.30pm |

**MARCH 2011**

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| Saturday 5th | Sparsholt | 10.00 - 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 8th | Itchen | 5.00 - 8.00pm |
| Wednesday 9th | Bitterne Park Sixth Form | 6.00 - 8.00pm |
| Thursday 17th | Eastleigh | 5.30 - 7.30pm |
| Thursday 24th | Taunton's | 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

**Please Note:**
Even if you have these dates already, don't forget to check before setting off as some dates have recently been amended. They are correct here and on the Academy website:
www.oasisacademymayfield.org

For more detailed information of what to expect at each event, please call them or visit their individual websites.

## INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Notable Dates 2011:**

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| 18 January | Parents' Meeting re Paris Trip |
| 19 January | Yr 9 Parents' Evening 5-7pm |
| 20 January | Yr 10 Investment Challenge with Solent EBP (onsite) |
| 24-27 January | KS4 Language/Science Trip to Paris, France |
| 24 January | Southampton Favourite Book Award Ceremony |
| 9 February | Careers Fair 6-8pm |
| 11 February | Yr 11 History Trip to Ferneham Hall |

*Next communication:*
*8 February 2011*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Since January there has been an increase in the number of students bringing medicine/tablets into the Academy without following the correct procedures.

If your child is taking medication, even if it is not regularly, please send a letter containing detailed information, ie what it's for, dosage etc, with the actual medication in its original packaging to Mrs Dibden in Student Services . You will also need to fill out a medical form, which can be collected from Student Services

### 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
KS3: 023 8032 8128 or KS4: 023 8042 6902.

Thank you.

## CALENDAR...

**Week Commencing 24 January 2011**

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Principal):

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

**Theme of the week:**
*Holocaust Memorial Day*
**Social Skill of the week:**
*New Year, new beginnings, new chances, new choices*

**Week Commencing 31 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:**
*Chinese New Year - 3 February (Year of the Rabbit)*
**Social Skill of the week:**
*Waiting your turn if staff are trying to help others*

**Week Commencing 7 February 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:**
*Progress - what progress are you making?*
**Social Skill of the week:**
*How can you improve and set yourself a target for improvement*

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### 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: _____