

# Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It was good to meet so many parents and carers last week when we presented and discussed the details of the Ofsted report. It was good to share the positive progress to date and the plans underway to accelerate our journey.

Thank you for your input, comments and useful feedback. We look forward to more such informal meetings in addition to Parents' Evenings and Information Evenings. Our continued joint efforts will ensure that our aspirations are realised and evident in the outcomes of our learners.

We look forward to meeting Year 9 parents on Wednesday 2nd March to present Curriculum Pathways. We also plan to meet with parents of Year 8 in an additional meeting, which will be set early next half term.

Our recent curriculum developments in Languages and Humanities means that we are well placed to provide the newly introduced English Baccalaureate. We will also continue to provide a range of pathways to best meet the ability, aptitude and interests of each student.

I hope the students enjoy the half term break and those attending revision sessions continue to raise their grades.

Please ensure students return in full uniform, fully equipped and focussed.



PRINCIPAL

Below: EBP are on hand to help students with the Investment Challenge

## CURRICULUM

### Investing in the Challenge

Following on from the success of the 'Investment Challenge' last year, the Academy arranged for the Solent Education Business Partnership (EBP) to come in and deliver a similar experience to the current Year 10.

The objective of the event was to further develop students teamwork and money management skills using a scenario centred around the London Stock Exchange. To support the event, Solent EBP arranged for university students and representatives from local accountancy firms to work with our students on the day.

Students worked very hard to gain an understanding of a situation that was very new to them. They tackled the challenge with enthusiasm and impressed the organisers and volunteers with their teamwork and profit making skills. Year 10 enjoyed the day and the winners were awarded prizes.



Pictured above working hard on the challenge: Aisha Bennett, Ben Palmer, Mariam Akbari, Luke Gunn and Alex Franks



The winners pictured below with Robin Smith from EBP: Angus Greenham, Ben Bevis and Emily Singleton

Runners up:  
Lewis Milam,  
Dan Getliffe,  
Jake Frier and  
Mason Russell



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To Live is to Learn

## CURRICULUM

### Science and Global Languages Study Experience

Between 24th to 27th January, a group of Year 10 students went to Paris, France on a joint excursion between Science and Global Languages. This involved a Science study experience and an opportunity to speak French and sample the culture.

#### A Report by Josh Reisoglu, Jordan Cann, Bethany Young and Emily Singleton



#### Coach

Our journey began on Monday 24th January at the KS4 Site when we boarded a coach to Dover. It was a long trip taking about 2 hours 30 minutes. We passed through lots of scenic

areas from old buildings to hills and arrived at the docks ready to take the ferry to Calais. The ferry was roughly a 90 minute journey, so we were able to stretch our legs and visit the gift shops. We also had the chance to go up on deck, where it was extremely windy, but you could see the harbour of Dover slowly disappearing and the shores of Calais drawing closer. Once on the coach again at Calais, it was another 2-3 hour journey to Disneyland Paris and the Cheyenne Hotel where we were staying. We arrived at the hotel completely drained of energy and couldn't wait to go to our rooms. The return trip was similar, but even more tiring as we had spent an amazing time in Disneyland, Paris and had some interesting lectures. We arrived back at the KS4 site around 5.30pm on the 27th.

#### Paris

The Coach dropped us off at what looked like the London Eye. We had a chance to take photos and we walked up the High Street, amazed at the way the French buy their cars. There were dealerships with no cars, just brochures to look at! We arrived at the **Arc de Triomphe** (above) and were stunned by its beauty. We climbed the exhausting stairs to the top of the tower. It was worth it; the views were amazing - you could see for miles and miles. After spending 20 minutes or so there, we continued our journey onto the **Eiffel Tower**. What a structure! We were given an hour and a half. We split up into groups and decided how we were going to get to the top; stairs or the lift. I took the lazy option and went via the lift!



It was CROWDED! But once again, it WAS worth it. We were stunned by the views; the Arc de Triomphe had views, but nothing like this. We spent the time admiring the views, and the actual Eiffel Tower, because of the maze of steel girders. After this we travelled (a long way!) to **Le Musée d'Orsay** and we had an hour to look at the wonderful pieces of art there. The most famous there was Vincent van Gogh's self-portrait. There was a lot to take in during the short amount of time we had, so we ended up rushing round and not having enough time to 'take it all in'. For the last stop, we travelled to the **Notre Dame Cathedral**. What a building! The intricate stone work was beautiful. We had 20 minutes inside, so we had a little time to take photos and to light a 'prayer candle'. There were a lot of people in the church; tourists and the masses. We left there and had a 5 minute walk to the coach for our journey back to Disneyland Paris.

#### Disneyland Paris

Disneyland was a very fun filled theme park. There were many different types of rides, many based on Disney characters, fantasy and adventure. Each gave you a different feeling of emotion. Some rides were scary and some rides were fun and happy. We were all in our little groups and met at the end of the day to go back to the hotel.

#### Lectures

The lectures were very interesting, as we were taught how the rides worked with potential and kinetic energy and how this can be used to an advantage. We were also informed about how the parks environment was laid out from banks, hills and flowers. How they maintained the trees so their roots would not interrupt anything within the theme park. We were given work booklets to fill out explaining how each ride worked and what types of foreign plants were in the park.

#### Overall

Overall, we would recommend the trip to any future students wishing to go, we had a really fun time and would love to go again.



# Keeping in touch

## with Parents and Students

### CURRICULUM

#### Building Bridges

As an additional part of the Year 10 BTEC Public Services course, the Army came to the Academy on Friday 14th January, to complete a teambuilding task with the students.

They split the students into 4 teams (3 boys teams and a girls team). Each team had 1 hour to make a bridge out of 3 pieces of cardboard, 1m of sticky tape and 1m of string. The teams had access to an industrial hole punch, a saw, a Stanley knife, and a ruler.

Once the hour was up the students put their bridges to the test. The bridge had to span a 60cm gap and the bridge which took the most weight was the winner. The bridge which held the least weight collapsed under a respectable 7kg. The winning bridge collapsed under an enormous 16kg!!

The Year 10 students worked very hard and were a credit to the Academy. They all showed fantastic team skills and really enjoyed their afternoon.



Pictured above: Tom Watts, Charlie McNamara, Sam Hallum and Jake Keeping



Pictured above: Amy Brunson, Melissa Davis, Jasmin Lucas, Aisha Bennett and Gabrielle Robinson

#### Thrilled By Favourite Book

##### A Report by Taylor Parkman

On Monday 24th January a group of students (selected from Years 7, 8 and 9) were invited to attend Southampton's Favourite Book Award at the Oceanography Centre in the docks with Mrs Russo the Librarian. There were five nominations for the award:

- \* Young Samurai - The Way of the Sword by Chris Bradford.
- \* Wilma Tenderfoot - The Case of the Frozen Hearts by Emma Kennedy
- \* Frozen In Time by Ali Sparkes
- \* What's for Dinner Mr Gum? by David Tazzyman
- \* Blood Hunters by Steve Voake

Steve Voake won the award with his book Blood Hunters. I recommend the book, as it is a great thriller which involves an alien like creature which was found and taken back to the lab where everything goes terribly wrong!

We then had a tour of the aquarium at the centre and we all enjoyed the trip very much.



Above, students from the Academy and other local schools, met the winning author Steve Voake during Southampton's Favourite Book Award

#### Upcoming Year 9 SATs Exams

Following the Mock SAT exams which have already happened, there is a detailed intervention programme taking place to help Year 9 students meet and exceed their targets in the actual SAT exams which are scheduled for week beginning Monday 2nd May.

(Please note: they will not start on the Monday, as this is a bank holiday.)



## CURRICULUM

### PE Lesson Attempts To Break A Record?

On Wednesday 19th January 47 Year 9 students took part in a Guinness World Record attempt for simultaneous dancing. This activity was not just for fun. The aim of the attempt was to raise awareness of the huge amount of work done by the School Sport Partnerships and raise its profile, plus highlight the importance of, and further opportunities in, physical activity for young people.

The 19th January marked 555 days until the 2012 London Olympics which also connects to **Support School Sport**, ie 555 = SSS. The timing of the event was also significant as the nationwide dance started at 11.40am, ie 20 to 12 = 2012.

The dance was a simple five minute routine to 'I Like to Move It Move It', where students followed a dance instructor displayed on a large projector screen. The students first practised during their PE lesson ready for the attempt at the set time. The students thoroughly enjoyed the world record attempt; even the boys! Its success has yet to be confirmed. For more information about the School Sport Partnerships, visit: [www.saveschoolsport.com](http://www.saveschoolsport.com)



## ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Eco Schools News

On Wednesday 9th February, 40 boxes of Academy text books and library books were collected by the international book donation charity, READ International. This award-winning charity was founded and is still run by students, solely for the purpose of recycling educational books overseas to benefit children in Tanzania and Uganda in East Africa.

The books provided by this Academy have been gathered over the last year as we renew and change our classroom and library stock, and then stored ready to be recycled. The Eco Schools project was able to get involved with READ International and has become one of their schools partners, with a continuing plan to donate further books as and when we can.

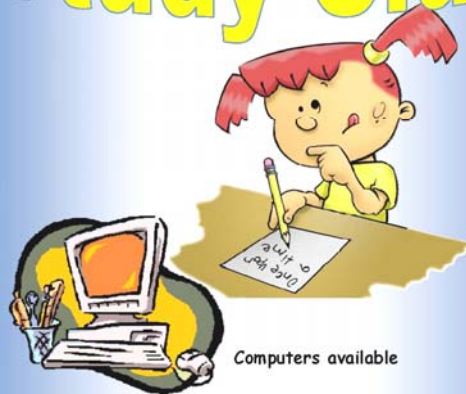


Pictured above: Books being loaded by READ International ready to make their way to children in East Africa

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



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

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**Don't forget:** The same facility above running on KS3, is also available on KS4 in the LAC, Monday to Friday from 2.45pm - 4pm.

**We are here to help, so please come along and see us.**

### ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### A Great Score For The Year 7 Football Team

Just before Christmas, the Year 7 Boys Football Team of Jamie Barrett, Marcus Dunn, Jack Fenna, Jack Gould, Owen Raspison, Tyler Shephard and George Terry, beat St Georges 7-1 to become the **5-A-Side Indoor Football City Champions**. This is the second year running the Academy has won this competition. This is an amazing achievement and meant that the Academy was once again able to represent Southampton on 25th January at Soccer City in Fareham. From this competition the winning team would then represent the South West of England in the National Finals, held in Derby.

As part of the competition on 25th January, there were 14 teams (also Champions, but from other cities in the South West) which were then split in to two equal groups of 7. Each team played the other teams within their group to become top of the group. The winner of each group would then play each other to determine the overall winner.

There were skilful performances from the team, including Jack Fenna who saved a lot of shots to keep us in the competition. The team eventually came 3rd in their group with very good overall performances displayed throughout. To give you some idea how well the team performed, they only lost 1-2 to the eventual winners of this competition, a school from Ferndown.

Well done to all the boys involved and Mr Bywater for his coaching and enthusiasm as always.



Pictured above:  
Jamie Barrett, Marcus Dunn, Jack Fenna, Jack Gould,  
Owen Raspison, Tyler Shephard and George Terry.

#### Rowing To The National Finals!

On Tuesday 8th February, three students from the Academy; **Georgina Waller, Jack Andrews** and **Sam Lewis** (pictured below) took part in the Hampshire Indoor Rowing Competition, which was held at Barton Peveril College. The three had previously completed rowing challenges in their PE lessons to qualify for the event. Their distances were submitted and they were selected to represent Southampton.

All three did exceptionally well with Jack narrowly missing out on the 1st place Gold for the fastest time and Sam came 3rd. In fact both Jack and Sam have qualified for the next round and a chance to compete and represent their County at the National School Indoor Championships! The winning school in each County will also win the School Trophy for their region.


A huge well done to all three and good luck to Jack and Sam. We'll keep you posted on their progress.




#### Honouring Our Students


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On Wednesday 4th May Oasis Community Learning will hold its second Student Annual Awards celebrating the achievements of our students across the Oasis family.

Oasis Academy Mayfield is proud to announce the following students have been nominated in these categories: 

*Greatest Contribution to the Community:*   
Simon Parsons for his work with the Silver Surfers'

*Greatest Team Endeavour:*  
Everyone Sings Group; Mariam Akbari, Jade Carlin, Beth Young and Emily Singleton

*Oasis Ambassador:*  
 Jasmin Houghton for her work on the Student Council, as a Peer Mentor and a Young Inspector

*Innovation and Enterprise:*   
The Wipe Out Waste Year 8 Group; Shannon Gray, Courtney Cave, Jovann Cousins, Patryk Grzywaczewski and Lewis Collins

*Outstanding Sporting Achievement:*   
David Barker for Golf

They are very deserved nominees and we wish them success. Watch this space after 4th May!

## COMMUNITY

### Community Fun Day Raises Money For Charity



Pictured above: Dylan Langford, Harry Fhithyan, Katherine Gibbs, Sarah Williamson, Miss White and Jasmin Houghton

On Wednesday 19th January, Year 9 students presented a cheque to Cancer Research UK for £180. The money was raised at our annual Community Fun Day last year, by students running stalls and activities during the event.

Cancer Research UK Area Volunteer Manager Sarah Williamson had originally planned to visit the Academy in December, but was unable to reach Southampton because of the bad snow. Sarah Williamson said; "I am absolutely thrilled to finally be able to get here and thank the students personally for their efforts in raising this money. Every penny really does count towards the vital work that Cancer Research does."

Miss White, Year 9 Leader at Mayfield said; "I am extremely proud of my students. They worked really hard and were very enthusiastic about getting involved, especially for such a good cause."

### Competing At The Highest Level

We are privileged to have a number of students here at Mayfield, whose talents extend outside of the Academy and who have excelled in a number of sporting areas.

One of these students is Ryan Strudwick who has been busy competing in two diving competitions recently. In a national competition, Ryan was up against the Country's finest within the sport, including those who have dived for Great Britain at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and the World Diving Championships. In particular Tom Daley, the World Champion, who got two Gold medals at the Commonwealth Games last year.

On the 3 metre springboard, whilst Ryan did not make it into the final 8, he finished 16th. Ryan has not competed at this level on the spring board for about 2 years so did well in this area. On the platform, Ryan made it to the final and finished in 6th place. Although Ryan did well, he feels he could have done better if he hadn't come down with the flu the night before.

We wish Ryan continued success with his diving and we will keep you updated on his progress.

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### BT Awards Simon's Efforts

On Friday 4th February, Simon Parsons (10Y) was visited by BT's Community Investment Manager Simon Paul, and presented with a BT Internet Ranger Award and a laptop, for coming runner up in BT's nationwide competition to find the UK's most inspiring and dedicated young internet tutors.

Simon, with the help of Mrs Johnston our Extended Services Manager and a few fellow students, established a weekly drop-in IT session at the Academy for some of the older members in the

community. Simon helped them to set up email accounts, use Google Earth and search for news and music and also how to shop safely online.

Very well done to Simon.



Pictured right: Ryan competing



# Keeping in touch

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## 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)

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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](mailto:Kelly.Johnston@oasismayfield.org)  
also collect a letter from Student Services.



## 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. For more information, please see Mr Drewery.

**Please note: If you have already secured a place on either of the above trips, the second payment is now due.**

## 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**  
**Time: 10am - 3pm**

*You may be recommended to the Saints Academy!*

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Need more advice on protecting  
your child from cyber bullying?  
Come along to the Academy's

### CYBER BULLYING AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

**TUESDAY 22ND MARCH**

6.30 - 7.30pm

ROOM 303 - KS3 Grove Site



For more information or to  
book a place please contact:  
023 8042 5340 or email:  
tracy.taylor@oasismayfield.org



[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

[www.oasisacademymayfield.org](http://www.oasisacademymayfield.org)

## Prom Fashion Show

Friday 11th March 2011

7.30 - 9.00pm

Venue: Oasis Academy Mayfield  
The Grove Sholing SO19 9LX



**Tickets: £3** - available from Student Services on the  
KS4 Porchester Road Site or telephone 023 8042 6902.

Anyone who has purchased a Prom Fashion Show ticket will have free entry  
to the Dress Sale on Saturday 12th March.

Dresses modelled on the catwalk are from one of Sussex's  
leading bridal shops - Fross Wedding Collections  
and available to buy at the Dress Sale on Saturday 12th March.

All dresses will be 50% off their retail price with some offering discounts of  
over 75% - AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO GRAB THE BEST DRESS BARGAINS!

[www.southamptondresssale.co.uk](http://www.southamptondresssale.co.uk)  
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## Kick Start Street Sports Activity Days

Monday 21st February 2011 St Denys Community Centre  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday 22nd February 2011 Itchen Sixth Form College  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Thursday 24th February 2011 Itchen Sixth Form College  
10:00am - 2:00pm Football Fun Day

Activities include:

free style gymnastics

futsal football

football skills  
sessions

ultimate  
frisbee

multi sports

To book your Street Sports Activity Day(s) please contact  
Dave Walsh, Street Sports Co-ordinator, Southampton City Council on  
023 8083 3027 or [David.Walsh@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:David.Walsh@southampton.gov.uk) or contact  
Ian Butcher, Community Football Development Officer, Kick Start on  
07985 288842 or [ibutcher@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:ibutcher@itchen.ac.uk)

February Half Term: Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd  
All day: £7.50 Half day: £5.00 Find out more on: 023 8083 3027



Do Something  
Funny for Money

18 March 2011

Have you come up  
with a great idea  
for Red Nose Day?  
We have challenged  
Academy students  
to suggest some  
creative ways to  
raise money and it  
will also be a non-  
uniform day with a  
'monsters and  
villains' theme.

Let's all get involved  
for a good cause!

# Keeping in touch

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## INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Notable Dates 2011:

21-25 February	Half Term break
28 February	First day back following the break
2 March	KS4 Curriculum Evening 6-7.30pm
11 March	Prom Fashion Show 7.30-9pm
12 March	Southampton Annual Dress Sale 10am-4pm
18 March	Red Nose Day/Non Uniform Day
18 March	Quiz Night 6.30-8.30pm

Next communication:  
15 March 2011



	<b>Oasis Academy Mayfield Library Clubs</b> 2.45 – 3.30pm	
Monday	Homework Club Chess Buffs	
Tuesday	Homework Club Bookworks	
Wednesday	Homework Club Wordmania	
Thursday	Homework Club Write On	

### News From The Academy Chaplain

Our Academy Chaplain, Paul Woodman from St Andrews Church, is organising three evenings of prayer at the Academy in the coming months.

Parents, students, members of staff and anyone in the community are welcome to come along. They will be on Mondays: 28th February, 9th May and 6th June.

Please come along to the KS3 site, The Grove from 6pm to 7pm. If you would like more information, please call Paul on 023 8023 4000, or pop into one of the Sunday church services now happening at St Andrews, South East Road from 5pm.



## CALENDAR...

### Week Commencing 28 February 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:

*Mother's Day - 3 April*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*Punctuality Week - get to school on time!*

### Week Commencing 7 March 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:

*Community*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*Help staff by helping others to avoid confrontation*

### Week Commencing 14 March 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:

*St Patrick's Day - 17 March*

#### Social Skill of the week:

*Ask for help if you need it and don't laugh at others who do ask for help*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

We would politely like to remind parents that holidays will not be authorised during term time and parents could be liable for a £50 fine per parent per student, which is issued by Southampton City Council.

For any other absences, excluding medical, parents are required to fill out a 'leave of absence' form, which can be obtained from Student Services.

If you wish to discuss any queries, please contact Adam Butler, Attendance and Outreach Officer on 023 8032 8128.