

Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Our main hall was filled on Tuesday night with Year 6 parents and students who will join us next year. Thank you to those who contributed; we were able to share ideas and ways to ensure a smooth transition for the students attending the Academy in September 2011.

Year 11 students continue to prepare for Summer exams and many received great results this week from examinations taken in January – Congratulations! Easter revision will be very relevant this year as it is close to the start of the summer exam season. Many Year 11s also enjoyed a touch of glamour at the Prom Fashion Show on Friday night, taking a break from their hard work.

Red Nose Day on Friday is an opportunity for us all to contribute to the wonderful charities supporting the needs of the children in Africa and the UK. It is a non-uniform day with a donation of £1. There is an optional dress up theme of villains and monsters. Aside from this, we thank you for your support on securing greater consistency on uniform, equipment and last but not least attendance.



PRINCIPAL



Thank you and well done to Josh Read, Lydia Booth and Sam Grace (pictured, all in Year 7), who wrote and presented an exceptional speech to Year 6 parents and students on Tuesday night.

The runners up pictured bottom right (left to right): Danielle Talbot-Roe, Holly Mills, Katherine Gibbs, Calum Dines, Adam Coffin and Paul Edwards

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Enterprising Challenge

On International Day Friday 4th March, 65 Year 9 students took part in the European Roller Coaster Challenge as part of an Enterprise Programme provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The students were put into teams and given a brief to design a new theme park ride in the Country of their choice; either Spain, France, Germany or Belgium. Once they had decided on the structure, they then had to make a scale model using specified material and prepare a presentation to all the other students and staff involved. The presentation had to explain how much it would cost to construct and maintain, who it was aimed at and why, plus a marketing strategy. All of this needed to be in the language of the Country they had chosen!

After they had all presented to each other, two finalists were chosen. It was then the very difficult job for the judges (from PricewaterhouseCoopers, Business Dynamics plus two Academy teachers) to choose the overall winning team.

This was a very demanding challenge requiring great teamwork, communication and a lot of thought by the students. All the teams worked incredibly hard and presented to a high standard.

The final winners pictured below (top) with Richard Morrish from PwC were: Jasmin Houghton, Jacob Thomson, Tara Matthews, Harrison Wade and David Barker. Well done to them.



To Live is to Learn

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Handball Is The Name Of The Game!

As part of our commitment to partnerships with local universities and colleges, a group of students from Southampton Solent University have been coming into the Academy to teach Year 8 students how to play 'Handball'. These coaching sessions take place every fortnight within PE lessons and are run by the university students themselves as part of their course. These lessons have been incredibly successful and the Academy is very pleased to support this work. It teaches our students a new skill and they have a lot of fun too. It also gives the Solent University students a chance to put theory into practice, which in turn helps their learning.



A Clearer Path

On Wednesday 2nd March, Oasis Academy Mayfield held a Curriculum Pathways Evening for Year 9 to aid them in their future GCSE and career choices.

Both parents and students were invited to the Academy to discuss subject choices and what that would mean in the future. Representatives from City College and Itchen College were also on hand to give advice on the courses they run and what GCSEs they would need.

The evening was well attended and there were lots of positive conversations and generally both parents and students were pleased at the choices being offered.

Returning your Options Form. The deadline for returning forms was Wednesday 9th March. Any outstanding forms should be returned to Student Services as a matter of urgency.

Help Is At Hand During Half Term

Due to the success of previous workshops and our continued commitment to support Year 11 in their upcoming exams, the Academy held a number of targeted workshops during February Half Term.

Students were invited to attend these out of hours sessions with the objective of enhancing their learning in order to reach their full potential during the GCSE exams.

Here are some comments from students who attended:

"It was very helpful. I was able to understand certain topics a lot more."

"They helped me to understand the main things I was confused with."

"Everyone concentrated and I got a great deal completed."

"It was useful as people of the same ability could challenge each other."

DIARY DATE: The Academy will be running further workshops during the first week of the Easter break 11th - 15th April. As before, students who are invited to attend will be sent letters nearer the time.

Time To Show Off!

Please come along to the Year 7 Competency Showcase in the CM classrooms from 3pm to 4pm on Wednesday 30th March 2011.

It is a fantastic opportunity to see first hand, what our Year 7 students have been working on since they joined the Academy in September.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Pictured right, proud students Show off their work during last year's Year 7 Competency Showcase



Keeping in touch

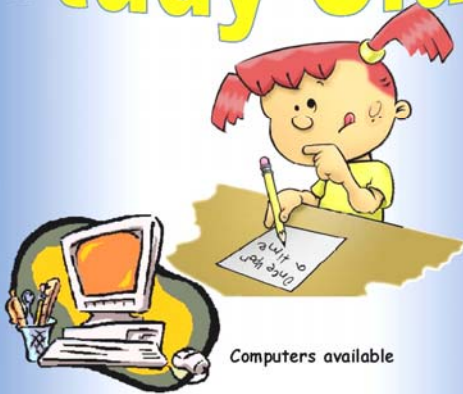
with Parents and Students

CURRICULUM

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

Rowing Across The Country

Following on from their success during the Hampshire Rowing Competition in February, Jack Andrews (10M) and Samantha Lewis (8A), represented the Academy at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships 2011, at the Lea Valley Athletics Centre in North London on Friday 4th March.

Both students set off for London by coach from Eastleigh at 9.15am ready to compete against schools from all over the country. It was a long day as they didn't get back to Eastleigh until after 8pm. They had one competition each to prepare for and kept busy practicing their technique. They were also entertained with other activities during the day like rock climbing and field sports.

We are very proud to announce that Jack came 15th out of 127 students and Samantha came 45th out of 154 students. A huge well done to them for their efforts and hard work in getting so far with this sport.



Pictured:
Samantha takes
a picture of Jack
rowing during the
competition

World Book Day

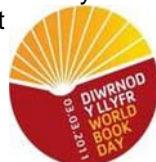
by Cody Pitcher

On Thursday 3rd March, Cody Pitcher, Taylor Parkman and Kathryn Wood all took part in a Poetry Reading session in the Academy Library for World Book Day. We read a variety of books including Revolting Rhymes, Read Me and Laugh, I Heard it in the Playground and many more.

Taylor said; "Everyone read well. The audience were great listeners." Cody agreed; "We enjoyed reading the poems."

In the afternoon Miss Sellen, one of our English teachers, came and read some poems in her hilarious voices. Miss Sellen told us she had a fantastic time and was pleased so many students came to the Library to join in. We all hope we can do it again next year and even more people come.

Mrs Russo also compiled a WBD quiz. Results of the winner to follow.



Eco School News

Energy Monitors

If any student would like to become an Academy Energy Monitor, 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.

Recycling Day

Don't forget that Tuesdays are the Recycling Day on KS3! Any student wishing to get involved 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.

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.

Don't forget, you can earn extra Vivos for participating in all of the above.



ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS

Training Young Leaders

On Thursday 3rd March Jack Bowers, Jordan Cann and Josh Reisoglu (pictured below), along with Miss Williams went on a training day at Southampton Solent University.

The day was aimed at young leaders who are involved with Young Enterprise companies. The event was designed to challenge them on their presentation skills as young business men and women. As well as representing the Academy, the three students had to twice stand up in front of other schools and colleges and report on their Young Enterprise company 'Fusion'.

It was a very nerve racking experience for the students, but very rewarding at the same time. All three were professional and represented the Academy exceptionally well.

'Fusion' is now looking forward to their next event; a trade fair running at Gunwharf Quays on the Saturday 26th March 2011.



COMMUNITY

Prom Fashion Show 2011

On Friday 11th March, Mayfield held its spectacular annual Prom Fashion Show in support of the Year 11 Prom this July.

It was a fantastic evening filled with glamour - designer dresses from Fross Collections and men's formal wear from Marks & Spencer, modelled by our Year 11 students together with stunning live performances, including a breath-taking solo song accompanied by Miss Chand and three dance pieces, also from our Year 11 students.

The Prom Committee worked incredibly hard to pull this special event together with the help of Mrs Johnston and Mrs Taylor from the Extended Services Team. The whole evening was planned and organised by the Committee including; choreography, set design, stage layout, sound and lighting, and programming the event. It was great to see so many supporters of the Fashion Show; students, staff, parents and members of the community, who helped raise over £400 for the Year 11 Prom.

Following the show, many of the dresses modelled on the catwalk, could be bought at the Annual Southampton Designer Dress Sale, also held at the Academy during Saturday 12th March.

It was a great team effort and deserves a huge well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Prom Fashion Show Models:

Joanne Wills	Chloe Bettridge-Radford
Kylie Ellis	Limmara Toombs
Ellen West	Alysha Hutchison
Elisa Gashi	Olivia Pooley
Laura Steege	Rachael Chivers
Jade Webber	Eshita Chowdhury
Sophie Smith	Emma Miller
Sam Wilkins	James Edwards
Gareth Coffin	Jordan Taylor
Sam Newham	Patrick Smith
Ethan Prioletti	Daniel Buss

Performances by:

Jade Webber	Alysha Hutchison
Alice Miller	Crystal McCormick
Eshita Chowdhury	Chantell Sithole

With special thanks to:

Connor Ciupek: sound and lighting, Ian Harris: digital media technician, Mehnaz Rahman: refreshment and ticket collection, the Caretaking Team and Edmund Gyasi, Mrs Chand for her music accompaniment, Mrs Gunter for her contact with M&S and Justin Parry from DE Photos.



Please see page 5 for a montage of pictures from the evening.



DON'T FORGET - IT'S RED NOSE DAY ON FRIDAY!

We challenged our students to come up with creative ways to raise money and we've had some fantastic ideas so far. It will also be a non-uniform day with a 'monsters and villains' theme on Friday.

Let's see who will dress to impress and how much money we can raise for this worthy cause. Look out for the update in the next Bulletin.

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with Parents and Students

Prom Fashion Show 2011



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

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 open primarily to 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 secured a place on either of the above trips, the Adventures Offshore form that was sent out, must be completed and returned.

Enter our Fundraising Quiz

and support the South Africa Trip 2011

Collect a Quiz Form from Student Services on KS3 and KS4

All correct entries will be entered into a raffle to win an IPOD Shuffle!



Entry Fee: **£1.00**

Closing Date: **Monday 28th March 2011**



Please return completed entry forms to:
Oasis Academy Mayfield
The Grove Southampton SO19 9LX




GOOD LUCK!

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South Africa Trip 2011

In July Oasis Academy Mayfield plans to send a team of staff and students to Cosmo City for ten days. They will run Sports Leadership activities around the Olympic and Paralympic Values, with children and young people building on the project work Oasis South Africa is already doing.

This trip will be a very valuable and defining experience for the participants. It will give them an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills, resilience, cross-cultural knowledge and self-awareness.

Due to the high cost of the trip, sponsorship is essential. The money raised will go towards flights, insurance, local travel and accommodation and any additional money will go towards extra equipment for the activity sessions. This trip is not a holiday, each individual will find the work very challenging but rewarding.

Please support us in any way you can. Thank you.



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Junior Master Chef Cooking Workshop at Easter

Wednesday 13th April
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 Easter Holiday Cooking Workshop.

Age: 11 - 15 years
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

During the February Half Term, we had a very successful MasterChef Workshop.

Seven students attended and spent the day making Chicken Rogan Josh with Pilau Rice, plus an Apple Cinnamon Upside down cake.

It was great fun – especially Mrs Butler's singing!

Why not try the next MasterChef at Easter (see above), on Wednesday 13th April from 10am - 1pm.

Please contact Extended Services to book or for more information.



Above:
Apple Cinnamon
Upside Down Cake



Above:
Chicken Rogan Josh

STORMFORCE COACHING

Easter Holiday Sailing



Try something new!
Get active and
get afloat!

What will I do? Take this fantastic opportunity of subsidised sailing over your Easter break and experience this awesome sport with qualified RYA instructors. You will be sailing off Weston Shore.

When?
The dates are 10th, 11th, 12th April 2011

What time?
The same time each day for 2 hours:
Group 1 11:30 - 13:30
Group 2 13:30 - 15:30
Group 3 16:00 - 18:00

What will I need?
You'll need swimwear and some suitable footwear, ie old trainers or wetsuit boots, but *no flip-flops*. Wetsuits and lifejackets will be provided.

How much?
Due to funding, the cost to you will only be £17 per person per session.

Stormforce Coaching
Kemps Quay
Quayside road
Southampton
SO18 1BZ

www.stormforce.biz
coaching@stormforce.biz
023 8023 1122

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

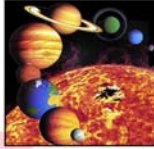


www.ceop.police.uk
www.oasisacademymayfield.org

INFORMATION

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



We have now achieved...

National Healthy School Status

...and as part of our continued commitment to healthy eating and wellbeing, Oasis Academy Mayfield IS A CAN FREE ZONE.

Therefore:

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CANS AND SOFT DRINKS (SUGARY/FIZZY) ONTO ACADEMY GROUNDS.



You may bring a plastic bottle of water each day and water fountains are available.

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Helpful Planning For Year 11

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

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



MARCH 2011

Thursday 17th	Eastleigh	5.30 - 7.30pm
Thursday 24th	Taunton's	6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 31st	City College (Construction)	5.30 - 7.00pm

April 2011

Wednesday 6th	City College (Business & IT, Customer Service, Travel & Tourism)	5.30 - 7.00pm
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MAY 2011

Thursday 5th	Brockenhurst	6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 5th	Barton Peveril	6.00 - 8.30pm
Saturday 14th	Sparsholt College - Countryside Day	9.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Highbury	4.30 - 7.00pm

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 the college directly or visit their individual websites.

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Notable Dates 2011:

18 March	Red Nose Day/Non Uniform Day
18 March	Quiz Night 6.30-8.30pm
23 March	Academy Council Meeting
30 March	Year 7 Competency Showcase 3 - 4pm
5 April	Year 10 Revision Evening 6pm
11 - 25 April	Easter Break
26 April	First day back from Easter Break
28 April	Fundraising Evening in aid of South Africa July 2011 Trip
29 April	Bank Holiday due to the Royal Wedding
2 May	May Bank Holiday
3 May	First day back following Bank Holiday

Next communication:
5 April 2011



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Extended Services: Casual Recreation Assistant

Various Shifts Evenings & Weekends

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join the Extended Services Team. The successful applicant will work in the Academy's sports centre setting up equipment for community bookings, offering great customer services, taking bookings, using the cash register for play to play activities.

- Applicants must be 17 years and over.
- Have held a position of responsibility within a school/college/club or group.
- Be friendly and approachable.

From £5.00 per hour
(dependant on age and experience)

For a job application pack please contact Cally Goodhew, HR Assistant on 023 8042 6281 or email: cally.goodhew@oasismayfield.org

Uniform Update

We are pleased to let you know that you can now buy the Oasis Academy Mayfield Badge as a separate item for £3.00. These are available from Student Services on both sites.



CALENDAR...

Week Commencing 21 March 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Tutor Group):

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

Theme of the week:

Talents - what talents do you have?

Social Skill of the week:

*Have courage to accept the challenge of lessons
You find difficult*

Week Commencing 28 March 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:

*Stop the Traffik - focus on Olympic Freedom Summit
(11 April)*

Social Skill of the week:

Be prepared to feel good about learning

Week Commencing 4 April 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:

Easter

Social Skill of the week:

Keeping your classroom and other work areas tidy

Have You Got What It Takes?

Can you sing and perform?

If yes, then why not enter the Festival 4 Stars National Talent Contest this Sunday 20th March.

Students would need to register and organise a performance piece themselves as soon as possible. See your Tutor or Miss Chand (who is on the judging panel) for more details. Get along and sing your hearts out *and* support your friends.

The winner may just come from Mayfield!

