

Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

The Year 11 leavers' assembly was a terrific celebration of the many qualities, talents and successes of the year group throughout their five years of secondary education. We look forward to the Prom event on the Friday 1st July and then to gather together for the examination results on the 25th August.

Year 9 students are taking their SATs exams this week. Revision, rest and focus will enable them to show their learning and achieve their potential.

Year 10 students will move to The Grove site on Monday 11th July. This will bring the whole community onto one site, in advance of moving to the new build in February next year. Progress on the new building is on track and the exciting features are becoming more visible.

On Friday 8th July, Year 10 will have an assembly at the end of Friday morning and be dismissed at lunchtime. **All students will be on The Grove site from Monday 11th July.** We ask that students arrive on Monday 11th July at **10.30am** and go straight to their tutor groups for registration.

As you may know, there is a national teachers' strike taking place on Thursday 30th June organised by the Teachers' Unions. At the moment the indications are that we will have all year groups in school with some amendments to classes, if this changes we will notify you as early as possible.

We had a monitoring visit from Ofsted on 7th June. The purpose of this was to ensure improvements are continuing with significant impact on progress. Ofsted confirm that we are indeed making satisfactory progress and that the majority of students are now making good progress and are on track to achieve aspirational targets.

It is a busy time in the Academy. The move to one site will further strengthen our capacity to accelerate our progress towards excellence.

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CURRICULUM

Carillion Challenge Students

As part of our ongoing partnership with the contractors of our new building, Carillion came into the Academy to deliver a series of special lessons to students in Year 7 and Year 8.



After talking to students about their business and the planning, design and construction of Academies such as ours, they then explained out the challenge for the lesson ahead: Design Your Own School!

Students were put into small groups and briefed to come up with a building of up to three floors, with classrooms, various facilities, an exterior space, plus a name and a logo. They had to carefully consider their budget, the environment, sustainability and of course design. Following a set time to do this, each group had to present their ideas.

Although the students found it very hard work they also really enjoyed the challenge. Leaders at Carillion were very impressed with the creativity and ingenuity of the finished presentations and found it a challenge themselves to select a winner from each of the year groups!

Very well done to all the students who took part.

Students working on the Carillion Design Challenge

Pictured top right: Chay Wheeler, Thomas Jones, Mason Farmer and Slater Farmer

Pictured bottom right: James Freeborn, Luke Penston and Charlie McCauley



To Live is to Learn

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First Class Drama

On Wednesday 25th May, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed play extracts to an appreciative audience of family, friends and staff as a practice for their upcoming GCSE exams.

The audience were treated to a selection of pieces that were performed confidently and to a very high standard, encompassing an array of acting styles, stage management, lighting and use of props.

The students who took part were: Lewis Balfour, Chloe Bettridge-Radford, Jack Brown, Rachael Chivers, Connor Ciupek, Matthew Coe, Gareth Coffin, Reece Coleman, Mason Cooke, Amy Corbin, Daniel Cutler, Lewis Hiscock, James Marshall, Matthew Orman, Craig Prince, Ethan Prioletti, Josh Stockton, Jade Webber and Ellen West.

Thank you to all those who took part and to Ms Roberts for her support and guidance.



Public Services Group Experience Woodmill

On Friday 20th May Miss Dunn took the Public Services students to Woodmill Outdoor Activity Centre. The students worked together in two groups to complete various challenges including the high ropes, abseiling, the crates, leap of faith, and raft building.

The students worked really well as a team all day and represented the Academy in a really positive light. They spent half the day 30 foot in the air and the rest of the day on the water. During the raft building the students displayed excellent teamwork and both groups managed to construct rafts that looked like they may float! The moment of truth came and the rafts were launched onto the water. Each raft held the entire group and they navigated their way around the Island with great success. There was a clear winner as the others became stuck under the trees! However all was not as it seemed because the winning team were back on dry land, but they had lost their raft. This resulted in three students heroically leaping into the water and to rescue the raft!

The students had a fantastic all day and thank you to Miss Dunn for making the trip possible.



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Animation Competition Produces Results

Over the Spring term Year 9 Students in their ICT lessons have been completing a GCSE unit called 'Creating an Animation of the World Wide Web'. All students taking this unit were briefed to produce a 15 second animation and to make it more challenging for our students, it was decided to make this a competition for the best animation.

Following the completion of the project, each class teacher then selected three of the best animations which were put forward to our Principal, Mr Toland to select an overall winner, plus 2 runners-up. We are pleased to announce the following:

- 1st place David Barker - winning a fantastic digital camera (pictured)
- 2nd place Jordan Lawrence - winning Academy goodies and a Tesco Gift Card
- 3rd place Ben Hutchinson - winning Academy goodies and a Tesco Gift Card

The standard was extremely high. Well done to all the students and congratulations to the winners for their amazing effort within ICT over the last term.



Peripatetic Lessons and Instrument Hire 2011-2012

The Academy Music Department has a range of exciting musical instruments available to learn whether students are beginners or have previous experience.

Lessons are available on the following instruments:

- Keyboard
- Piano
- Drums
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Brass – Trumpet Cornet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Tuba
- Strings
- Woodwind
- Voice

Taster Sessions

As an incentive to support students musical development, we are offering instrumental taster sessions for 2011–2012. We will be providing 30 minute lessons for a half term, at only £20. These taster sessions are for those students who **have not previously been learning an instrument at the Academy**. Should a student wish to continue with lessons, the £20 taster session fee would then be deducted from the cost for a whole term.

The costs of lessons are as follows:

- 1 x 20 minute lesson per week shared: £45.00 per term
- 1 x 30 minute individual lesson per week: £85.00 per term

These rates have been secured following direct negotiations between the Academy and its external music teachers, alongside a re-organisation of lesson delivery.

Please note: We ask that you make a commitment to lessons for the whole year and request that you pay in advance per term.

Letters are available from Student Services and replies and payments are to be made by Monday 18th July 2011.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 1st July Who's Your Sporting Hero?

As part of National School Sport Week (see info below) and in support of the re-scheduled South Africa trip 2012, Friday 1st July will be a non-uniform day.

Students will need to make a £1 donation for not wearing uniform that day and the theme will be Sport - so why not come as your favourite athlete and really make your £1 count!



What's happening during National School Sport Week?

MONDAY 27th June - Cricket
50p for 6 bowls at a member of staff. If you bowl the teacher 'out' you win £1!

TUESDAY 28th June Football
20p a penalty shot v a member of staff

WEDNESDAY 29th June - Arm Wrestle
£1 for 3 arm wrestles against Miss Munoz. If you win – get your £1 back!

FRIDAY 1st July - Athletics Relay
Challenge all available staff to a Relay!



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF OASIS

On Friday 17th June we were visited by Steve Chalke, Founder and CEO of Oasis Community Learning to celebrate 25 years of Oasis! Each Year group had a special assembly that day which was taken by Steve Chalke, where the students learnt more about how Oasis began, the milestones along the way and the ethos and values that have brought us to 25 years. Then we finished the day with a celebration tea and a piece of cake! (See pictures below.)



Below: The Glee Club perform during the celebrations at Mayfield



Poem About Oasis By Christian Stephens 8A

Oasis Oasis it is to me
Whatever I want to be
Oasis it will help me on my journey
And it will do this for all eternity
All at Oasis are friendly
And other schools look on with envy
They will help me with the community
Because they believe in unity



A Day At Oasis Academy Mayfield - A story by Georgina Waller, Megan Kimber, Andrew Riley & Lewis Duncan

"Off you go then pet. Aww look at you, your first day of being grown up!" "Mum..." Jamie moaned. "I'll be fine, stop worrying!" And with that, Jamie set off to his first day at Oasis Academy Mayfield. He was looking forward to it, his first day at secondary school; a fresh start, a new beginning. He had already been to a meeting and discovered that he would be in the top set something called 'The Accelerated Set'! "Ahh, my first day at school, this should be fun. I



actually can't wait. Oh.... I wonder what we'll do." All kinds of thoughts popped into Jamie's mind. Art being the main one, as it was his favourite subject! As Jamie reached the school gates he was greeted very kindly and congratulated and praised for his outstanding uniform. It was looking up already! In the fifteen minutes he had left until tutor, Jamie managed to meet up with some of his old school mates and get chatting. He asked what class they were going to be in, and surprisingly, most of them were in the same class, meaning that they wouldn't be split up.

Instead of the usual lessons, the day was divided up into sections. For half of the day, Jamie took part in a sports competition and he came 2nd in the Fun Run and for the other half, he was informed of the rules and expectations and shown a PowerPoint presentation about the Academy. Many people were shocked, but not in a bad way, in a good way. It was surprising how much the school actually did; over 30 after school sports clubs, plus even more extra curriculum ones, trips, exciting new opportunities, different courses, early Options, the list went on.

When Jamie got home, his mum asked him how his day was; Jamie could not say the words fast enough. It just kept coming out, and almost every sentence finished with 'You should've been there' or 'Wow, it was awesome, and there is going to be a whole new modern state of the art building.'

This could be you... So why not come along to Oasis Academy Mayfield or any Oasis Academy and have a look, there are often fairs and open days you can come along to!



Keeping in touch

with Parents and Students

CURRICULUM

Update on Year 6 Students from Heathfield



Top: Getting to grips with Trampolining
Above: Mr Reid shows them how it's done!

You may remember from previous bulletins that a group of Year 6 students from Heathfield Junior School have been visiting the Academy every Tuesday afternoon since September. They were selected as students who may find the move to Secondary education more challenging than others.

Their course has been designed around an ASDAN programme of study, which provides a balance of learning across various curriculum areas. They have been gaining experience of subjects in preparation for their move and take an active part in lessons such as Science, Music, Art, Technology, Drama and Graphics.

Most recently Mr Reid has taken them for a PE lesson and introduced them to the art of Trampolining. The group were very enthusiastic and did extremely well for their first time. Overall the group have responded positively to all their experiences, grown in confidence and have made a lot of progress, which will ultimately make their transition much smoother.

The Academy intends to extend this programme of liaison to include other local Junior Schools next year.

COMMUNITY



Pictured above: Samantha Lewis, Megan Kimber, Levi Simpson, Georgia Filgate, Tonia Carrington, Shannon Gray, Joshua Reed, Lara Taylor, Chloe Whyte, Leon Clements Beall, Amy Hughes, Jessica Ashrafiyan and Georgina Waller

The Glee Clubs Sings for the Community

On Friday 10th June, The Glee Club visited the Aspen Lodge Care Home in Weston, to bring a little entertainment to the residents. Students spent about an hour there and sang seven songs in between chatting to the elderly residing at Aspen Lodge.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the students though nervous at first, performed beautifully and were a real credit to the Academy. This trip has again strengthened links between the Academy and the community and helped with The Glee Club's confidence in performing to an audience. They are now looking to perform at other community events to continue this work.

The Glee Club is always looking for new members to join, either singers or musicians would be welcomed. If you are interested, come to the music room on Fridays from 3pm to 4pm.

Silver Surfers' Day

On Friday 20th May, the Academy ran another Silver Surfers' Day as part of the week long national 'Spring Online' campaign, which aims to get older people in the local community using computers and the internet. Mayfield ran two free computer workshops led by students at the Academy during the afternoon. Thank you to all those involved, especially Mrs Clarke, Callum Barnes, Sam Grace and Josh Reed.



Pictured right: Sam Grace with his nan and Mrs Clarke

COMMUNITY

Spoilt at Pamper and Shopping Experience

On Wednesday 11th May, the Academy hosted its popular Pamper and Shopping Experience for parents, students, staff and the local community. It was a great evening and well attended throughout the evening with lots to do and enjoy.

There were some favourite treats plus new experiences, including make-overs and skincare by Virgin Vie, nail painting, Wii Just Dance competition, vintage clothing, fun photo shoots, hand-made cards, shoes and hand-crafted bead jewellery, to mention a few highlights - not forgetting the gorgeous chocolate fountain which was a huge hit as expected!

Thank you to the Extended Services Team, who worked incredibly hard putting the evening together and received some great feedback. Most requested was another pamper evening next year, so watch this space!



Mayfield Hosts Dance Competition

On Sunday 22nd May, Mayfield hosted a huge dance competition, which was put together by Belinda's Dance Academy. The aim was to introduce new dancers to the competitive world of dance in a fun and low-cost way.

Targeting the younger age groups, children had the chance to keep fit through the enjoyment of dance and make new friends. The competition element was judged by well-respected local teacher Rachel Evans (Reds Dance School) with guest dance schools Street Beatz (Jessica Cripps) and Scarlett's (Chloe Alexander), whose growing numbers meant the venue was full up!

Events on the day were Street Pairs, Street Solo's, Disco Pairs and Teams. All the schools did amazingly well, supporting and cheering each other on. Everyone was extremely good and in particular, the under 6 years section showed such expression and talent for a young age. The new Team Starbust from Belinda's Dance Academy - 6+ years old - absolutely wowed the crowd and their clever choreography, which won them the under 10s 1st place. It was also their first ever competition.

The whole event was a huge success with all those who took part looking forward to the next time!



The OASIS ACADEMY MAYFIELD SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

Join us for a fantastic evening of
entertainment on



Friday 15th July
at 7.30pm



**Venue: The Main Hall
KS3 Grove Site**

We will bring you
the very best
performances
from our students



Tickets: £3 adults, £2 students and children

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sailing Weekend 2011: 'In Search of Alan'

During the weekend of 13th-15th May, Mr Drewery and Miss Dunn took a group of students sailing.

It was a great weekend with fair but slightly cold North Westerly winds. They sailed out to sea past the giraffe like cranes of Felixstowe, past Shotley and Languard Spits into an area called Dovercourt Bay. During a sail change practice, all students had a go at picking a buoy out of the water by sailing the boat back to it. Next the group sailed down to Walton Pier and had a close look inshore at the coastal defence work (poor Jack was tested on his geography all the way!!). Then off to find the elusive Pye End buoy, which marks the entrance to an area called the back waters. After lots of tidal calculations by the 'mate', the decision was made at 5:15pm that there would be enough water, so the group edged in and came out again, anchored for half an hour and had a cup of tea as the tide rose. They treaded out through a very narrow channel and moored up in **Titchmarsh** Marina in Essex.

An excellent dinner was cooked by Leon, Addam and Stacie and then a walk down to the Yacht club for showers and drinks to see if they could find **Alan**, but no sign of him!

On Sunday everyone was up early and back out to sea. They tacked in Harwich Harbour and then into the River Stour, trying to avoid large ferries and strange boats carrying wind turbines! After lunch they sailed up into the River Orwell and then home to Ipswich. The students took charge of the deck work, getting all the sails properly folded without the aid of the sea staff - what a team! Not forgetting a good clean up, with Adam complaining about having to clean the loo, but his mother would be proud! Time to come home with a frequent cry of "Who's Alan!"

Thank you to Mr Drewery and Miss Dunn and well done to the students who took part; Addam Barber, Jack Jones, Jake Muldowney, Leon Clements Beall, Stacie Lovell, Stephen Golding Lloyd and Tamara Ramsey.



INFORMATION

Oasis Academy Mayfield and Lord's Hill Joint Ski Trip

SkiBound

Snowsports for schools

Depart : Saturday 25 February 2012
Return : Saturday 03 March 2012
Resort : Serre Chevalier, France
Hotel : Clubhotel Frejus

What is included :

- Travel by air (with coach transfers)
- 7 nights full board accommodation
- 6 days skiing, with 4 hours per day ski lessons
- Lift pass
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- Evening entertainment programme
- Group passport
- Travel insurance & Medical insurance

What is not included :

- Ski clothing (this can be hired for approx £60)
- Drinks with meals
- Snacks and souvenirs

Cost: £695

Limited to 20 places only

£100 deposit to be paid by Monday 27th June 2011
£150 second payment by Monday 11th July 2011
£445 final payment by Friday 02 December 2011

For more information, come to a brief launch meeting at **4:30pm on Weds 22 June** in the KS3 hall or contact Miss Dunn.

Have Fun With GCSE German

The Academy is offering students another chance to visit the Cologne Christmas Markets and Phantasialand in Germany from 1st - 4th December. The trip is primarily aimed at students in Years 8 and 9 with an interest in taking GCSE German in Years 10 and 11. Over the long weekend there will be lots of opportunity to use the language for everyday conversation as well as during leisure activities. Students will be able to sample the local food, culture and tradition of this Country, with a chance to do some Christmas shopping at the popular markets, plus experience one of the world's most exciting theme parks Phantasialand.

If you are interested in this trip, please collect a form from Student Services and return the reply slip with an initial deposit of £50.00 as soon as possible.



INFORMATION

YMCA

3 Day Activity Residential

Sunday 24th July –
Tuesday 26th July 2011

Activities will include:

- Archery
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Crate Challenge
- Abseiling
- Bouncy Pillow
- Zip Wire
and much more

£115.00 per student

If you are interested please
collected a letter from
Student Services or phone:
02380 42 6283.



www.ymca-fg.org



Gifted & Talented event

Wednesday 6 July 2011



Pictured: Just a few of the Itchen students who achieved 3-5 A/A* grades in their AS/A2 Levels 2010

Year 10/Year 11 students and their parents are invited to a special Gifted & Talented "GATEway" event to find out about the opportunities available to high achieving students at Itchen.

Date: Wednesday 6th July 2011

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm

Venue: Main Hall, Itchen Sixth Form College.

ITCHEN SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Middle Road, Southampton SO19 7TB



Southampton Oasis Academies 'Friendly Olympics'

On **TUESDAY 19th JULY** (re-arranged)
There will be an inter-Academy Athletics Event
(Lord's Hill v Mayfield)

Preparation for the
Oasis Olympics in
2012

Boys and Girls
Sports Events

Be part of something
special

Friendship
Respect
Excellence
Determination



Itchen Sixth Form College will be running college transport from Eastleigh town centre, effective September 2011

Routes are amended each year to make the buses as accessible as possible to the majority of students. This particular bus is likely to travel to the College via Swaythling and Mansbridge. The cost will be £199 for the whole year's travel to and from College, which works out at just under £1.00 per day – a rate determined as our response to the current economic climate and its effect on students and their families.

We hope that this initiative will allow Year 10 and Year 11 students to consider an even wider choice of colleges and courses. Students have a number of really good colleges to choose from, both sixth form and vocational, and we hope that they will visit as many Open Evenings as possible to help with their decisions. The colleges are equally good but have a different size and feel to them, allowing students to make the very best choices for their own personality, career aims and study styles.

For information: Itchen College Open Evenings for next year will be from 5.00-8.00 pm on:

Tuesday 18 October 2011

Thursday 17 November 2011

Wednesday 7 March 2012

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Notable Dates 2011:

27 June - 1 July	National Schools Sports Week
1 July	Non-Uniform Day
28 June	Yr 7 Parents' Evening
1 July	Yr 11 Prom
6 July	Yr 6 Transition Evening 6.30 - 8pm
15 July	Summer Concert
19 July	Inter-Academy Sports Day between Mayfield and Lord's Hill (moved from 24 June)
22 July	Last day of the Summer term
25-27 July	Inset Days



Next communication:
18 July 2011

CALENDAR...

Week Commencing 4 July 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Tutor Group):

Monday - n/a
Tuesday - Year 10
Wednesday - Year 9
Thursday - Year 8
Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Celebration - what do you have to celebrate?

Social Skill of the week:

Work co-operatively

Week Commencing 11 July 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by Year Leader):

Monday - n/a
Tuesday - Year 10
Wednesday - Year 9
Thursday - Year 8
Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Commitment

Social Skill of the week:

Take responsibility for your own actions - don't blame others

Week Commencing 18 July 2011

Scheduled Assemblies (led by the Principal):

Monday - n/a
Tuesday - Year 10
Wednesday - Year 9
Thursday - Year 8
Friday - Year 7

Theme of the week:

Farewell

Social Skill of the week:

Endings and goodbyes - reflecting upon your year and thinking about what you can improve next year

Oasis Church at The Academy

There will be a time of prayer at the Academy on Tuesday 5th July from 7pm in the Staff Room on Key Stage 3 site, The Grove, SO19 9LX.

For more information, please contact our Academy Chaplain, Paul Woodman on 02380 441793.

Everyone welcome
and refreshments
will be provided.



Lloyds TSB National School **SPORT WEEK**
working in partnership with Youth Sport Trust

Oasis academy :mayfield

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 1st July 2011

£1 contribution will entitle you to wear non-uniform

As part of National School Sports Week and in support of South Africa Trip 2012, Friday 1st July will be a non-uniform day.

The theme will be Sport, so why not come dressed as your favourite athlete or sports person and make your £1 count!

Funds raised will go towards our SA2012 Trip