

Welcome...

Oasis Community Learning



Oasis Student Leaders National Conference

Last Wednesday over 70 Oasis students descended on London for the inaugural Oasis Student Leaders National Conference. Student delegations from each of the 11 Academies drew inspiration from Westminster before helping draw up a slice of education policy for their own Academies and gearing up to speak to Government about their future.

The students, from Bristol, North East Lincolnshire, Southampton, Manchester, and London, met their local MPs at Methodist Central Hall after being led round the Houses of Parliament on tours provided for them by their host, Joan Ryan, Labour MP for Enfield North. Amongst other sights, the tours included watching the Leader of the House of Commons take his seat, as well as bumping into Lord Alan Sugar in the lobby!



The Oasis Student Leaders National Conference has been introduced to encourage leadership in young people by showing them that their own passions, concerns and convictions can be harnessed in such a way as to shape theirs and their peers' futures. All who attended said how much they enjoyed it, and are already looking forward to next years' event!

Lord's Hill



On 17th and 20th November our Year 11 BTEC Hospitality groups ran cafes as part of their Customer Relations Unit. The classroom was transformed with flowers, candlelight and a range of delicious cakes, muffins, scones and flapjacks made by the students. They each invited a student and a member of staff from the Academy to the cafe and served them afternoon tea. They did a fantastic job, both looking after their guests and showing off their customer service skills. The students were a real credit to the Academy and the guests enjoyed their afternoon. Next term the group will be running their own Hospitality Event at the Academy.



On the 9th November six students from Year 9 visited Redbridge Sports College to compete against 13 other schools in an Indoor Rowing event sponsored by Concept 2 rowers. The five times consecutive Olympic Gold medal winner, Sir Steve Redgrave, was there to support the event.

The students took part in a rowing relay race against the other schools and colleges. They then watched how easy Steve Redgrave made it look, had a bit of coaching, had a discussion about how they could work together in their team to improve their work rate and then performed the race again.

The winners were determined by who improved the most over the two races. Out of all the teams we were FIRST, the students had their Gold medals presented to them by Steve Redgrave.

The students then took part in individual races and Joey Marks Reilly came second and Ashley Whitcombe came third out of all the Year 9 boys.

As a result of the initiative, the Academy has got six brand new Concept 2 rowers in the fitness rooms across both sites, which students and community users will be able to use in order to improve their cardiovascular fitness.

Bristol

Oasis Academy Bristol Year 7 regional rugby champions

Oasis Academy Bristol Year 7 boys triumphed at the regional 10 a side rugby championships held at Broad Plain rugby club.

Led by Berran Robins, the boys performed superbly, defending well and showing bags of determination. They were undefeated in the group stages and progressed to the semi final where, after extra, time gained a victory over City Academy.

The final was a nail biting affair where Bradley Armstrong had three tries which led to a 15-10 victory over Bedminster Down.

An assembly was held to present the boys with a team cup and a medal each.



Student Leadership Roles

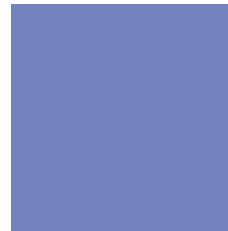
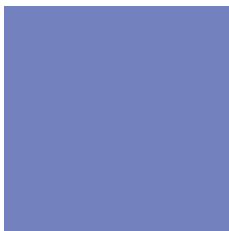
Oasis Academy Bristol has appointed 16 senior students to develop a role within the Academy. These students will act as Ambassadors within the Academy and take an active part in open days, staff interviews and escorting guests. These senior students have also been trained as peer mediators to supervise unstructured time.

A year 11 Board of Executives has been appointed this term, the aim of the group is to be voice of the students and a link between staff and student bodies. The Board is made up of eleven students; Mitchell Silverthorne and James Perry lead as Student Executive Officers with Todd Samways as Vice Student Executive Officer. Yemi Harding and Kurtis as ICT Directors will work on the use and access of ICT within the academy for students as well as the wider community. Harry Watkins, Finance Director will link with the business manager to help manage how part of the year 11 rewards budget will be spent. Sam Williams and Alex Taylor will work with a team from OCL on marketing the Academy and its many events as the teams Marketing Directors. The Board is completed with the three Environment Directors who will work closely with the Principal and Skanska on the exciting new build. Abi Cockwell, Rebecca Bowkett and Hope Rich will be the link between students and what's happening in the new build with regular visits and updates through assemblies and the website.

Future plans for the Board include visits to care homes to serve afternoon tea, a visit to the Houses of Parliament on 25th November for the Oasis Student Leaders National Conference 2009, the start of a community Newspaper and much more to look forward to in the next edition.

Wintringham

- Sporting achievements: rugby winners; hockey – 2nd; 2nd & 4th in district cross-country + 1st 3 places in Year 7 district cross-country; 2nd in girls' badminton + boys' A team 2nd in their group and B team 3rd in their group
- Series of Year 7 parent workshops started up – '7Up'
- Excellent combined Year 7-11 Parent Consultation Interviews with Careers Convention
- Youth Fair Play soccer league on Friday nights 6-9p.m. Won league 2 and 3



Mayfield



Olympic Rowing

On Monday 9th November students from Oasis Mayfield were invited to represent the Academy, at a prestigious local event to launch the Sir Steve Redgrave Fund across the South Coast.

The five students (Samantha Lewis (Year 7), Harry Thomas (Year 8), Sadi Belbin (Year 8), Robert Franks (Year 9), Jack Stacey (Year 10)) were selected to attend for their ability in rowing and their positive attitude to physical education. Following a warm up session taken by the Olympic Gold Medallist

himself, they took part in a number of team and individual rowing challenges and came a very respectable 3rd place overall.

Oasis Academy Mayfield has been very fortunate to be awarded six brand new rowing machines through the fund and will be making good use of them during PE lessons and an after school club.

Another Rave Review

Following their debut at Enviro Day (a local Recycling Awareness event) earlier in the year, The Steel Pans put on another fantastic performance last month, when they brought the wonderful Caribbean sounds and rhythms to staff and students at a local College (Itchen College).



The audience were thrilled and praised their talents and professional conduct commenting; "The Steel Pans are definitely one of the best steel bands we've ever heard".

Brightstowe

Students Encounter Animation

On Friday 20th November, five lucky students from Oasis Academy Brightstowe had their animated films screened as part of the Encounters Short Film Festival in Bristol.

The Year 10 students, who were selected as a reward for their hard work in GCSE Art classes, made their own animations at the 'Animate It' exhibition at @Bristol, before attending a lecture at a local theatre where staff from Aardman animations and the University of the West of England helped them add sound to their films.



The project was part of the Fresh Flix Film Festival, a two-day event run in conjunction with the prestigious Encounters Short Film Festival, and set up by a group of 13-19 year olds to provide a platform where other youngsters can showcase their talents.

Brightstowe Girls In Netball Cup

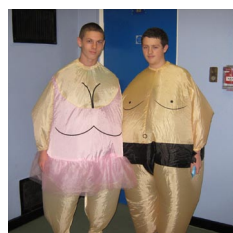
On Weds 18th November the Brightstowe netball team took part in the national Academies Netball Cup and gave an impressive performance.

The tournament involved 21 Academies from across the UK who made up 7 leagues of teams. The Brightstowe girls won three games out of the six and put up a good fight.

Head of PE, Karl Robottom said: "The team were a credit to our Academy. They worked hard in all six games and dealt with both victory and defeat with a great deal of maturity. They would have progressed to the finals, but narrowly missed out on the necessary points."



MediaCityUK



Children In Need

Lots of students and staff joined in raising funds for Children in Need through sponsored silences, dressing up, bad hair styles, and staff were invited to dress as 'Staff Through the Decades'. Kitchen Staff raised £85.00 by selling Pudsey Cakes and two students raised over £50.00 by dressing as Sumos. Over £530.00 for Children in Need, with more money still to come in. Well done everyone!

Two Concerts in Two Hours!

Congratulations to the Oasis Academy: MediaCityUK choir who last week completed two concerts in two hours! First, the 21 students travelled to Middleton and performed at the Lancashire Health and Rachets Club to raise money for the NSPCC. The students then came back to the Academy and opened the Year 11 Awards Evening by performing Amazing Grace / Never Ever and Eternal's 'I wanna be the only one'. Every student conducted themselves professionally and sang beautifully, as many onlookers observed. Well done!



Enfield

Family 3ES session – We have held our second Family 3ES programme which allowed parents and students from local primary schools and our students to take part in a selection of activities. We have 21 families registered for sessions in Football, Hair and Beauty, Cooking and Dance Mats.

Saving Londoners Lives – This module we have introduced a new course that provides students with the amazing opportunity to gain a qualification based around essential life saving skills such as CPR.

Boxing after school session – B4L team have set up a series of programmes that run aimed at students who are having some difficulties. One of the new and successful activities which has been introduced is the Boyz 2 Men programme which aims to improve behaviour with weekly sessions focusing on discipline via the medium of non contact boxing.



Hadley

Academy Links

Oasis Academy Hadley's community had the pleasure of meeting its link Country Leader for Oasis Kyrgyzstan, Thirza Schneider. Thirza spent a day at Oasis Academy Hadley meeting with staff and students. The Academy's student council were very excited when they got the chance to talk to Thirza and discussed ways in which the relationship can be developed.



Oasis Juniors

More than 100 Oasis Juniors from three local Primary Schools, visited Oasis Academy Hadley and enjoyed a 'EurOasis' themed day. The Juniors were supported by the Academy's Year 8 and Year 9 Ambassadors in creating and recording an international song and tasting cuisine from around Europe, ending the day with a presentation to their teachers and peers. The Year 5 students wrote to the Academy following their visit and expressed the fun they had "I can't wait to come again!" Ibrahim, Oasis Junior Brimsdown School.



following their visit and expressed the fun they had "I can't wait to come again!" Ibrahim, Oasis Junior Brimsdown School.

Shirley Park

Year 11 Student Leader Henal Ganatra has recently been featured in the local paper on how he has risen above other people's prejudices to become an ambassador for the Academy.

<http://www.thisscroydontoday.co.uk/kids>

Year 11 student, Lucy Duffy has written a poem, described by Phil Beadle (former UK secondary teach of the year) as 'one of the best pieces of poetry I have ever read'. Lucy was inspired to write her poem having gone through all the emotions of breaking up, then making up with her boyfriend. Lucy and her poem have also featured in the local newspaper.

Our love: balanced, buoyancy versus boat

Equal in both emotion and power

Making it able for our love to float

Delicately combined like a flower

While floating perfectly, our love won't die

But without a motor there is no passion

No rushing emotions. Love will just lie

No High, no lows, just orderly fashion

Wanting spirit and compassionate lust

Feeling butterflies, shivers and heartbeat

Or otherwise our floating love will rust

Losing our love and admitting defeat

Giving up everything we once fought for

Or trying, letting us grow something more.

Coulsdon

Students from Oasis Academy Coulsdon appeared on BBC Panorama on Monday as part of a programme entitled 'Lethal Enterprise'. Our students have been advising the Metropolitan Police and providing feedback on their anti-knife crime DVD which has just been launched. This initiative was also an item on BBC TV National News on Monday and our students were featured in the trailer.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/panorama/hi/front_page/newsid_8370000/8370746.stm

KS3 Students enjoyed a performance of "The Story So Far" by the Lacey Theatre Company. This was one-woman dramatisation of the entire Bible story, lasting 45 minutes. After the production students participated in a workshop on the theme of empathy.



Immingham

This week is Global Enterprise week and as Enterprise is one of the specialisms here at the Academy, it was important for us to take part. Mr Fairlie the Assistant Principal for Specialism decided on producing a Fashion show for all year 7 and 8,s. He enlisted the help of inc and e-factor, together with members of the community Ceinwen Fewes, and East Halton Primary School. They spent Monday morning, Wednesday and Thursday morning producing three items, a garment, a hairpiece, an accessories, all made from junk. Hence the event was called Junk 2 Funk.

The students really enjoyed the event, quotes such as awesome, brilliant, the hall looked like the real thing, and can we do it next week were constantly heard. Malcome Plaskitt, grandparent of a winning contestant Demi, rang the Academy straight after the event to say how much his granddaughter enjoyed the events. The two teams who won the highest score overall for teamwork, creative thinking/Innovation, selling the idea and communication won a day at the NEC Birmingham Clothes Show on the 8th of December.

As always there was a serious side and the students from both East Halton and Oasis Academy Immingham gained many important skills, practically, designing and making, and working their creative ideas out in a 3 dimensional form. Socially, organising themselves into a group, working together, working to deadlines and Enterprise skills such as Analysing, evaluating, planning, solving problems and taking calculated risks. It was a brilliant day!



Have you thought about...?

This new section for the inter-Academy newsletter will be making sporadic appearances over the course of the year. Here you'll find various suggestions of events, drives, or programmes that your Academy may be interested in joining.

This month, we have 3 suggestions for you:

- School News Report – http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/default.stm
"BBC News School Report gives 11-14 year-old students in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience. Using lesson plans and materials from this website, and with support from BBC staff, teachers help students develop their journalistic skills to become School Reporters."
- Times Spelling Bee – www.timesonline.co.uk/spellingbee : deadline is Friday 4th Dec
"The first UK spelling Championship – The Times Spelling Bee 2009 – was a great success and a fun experience for pupils and teachers alike. It attracted entries from more than 750 schools that competed in 100 events nationwide. We are delighted to announce that The Times Spelling Bee will be staged again in 2010."
- Teaching Awards – <http://www.teachingawards.com/>
"You can nominate a school, teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants, learning partners and school governors for a Teaching Award and anyone can nominate. We all know that these are inspirational people who help change lives for the better. Help us celebrate their achievements and reward their dedication by nominating the unsung heroes in our schools."

For more information please check the websites, or email the central office.