



Principal's

UPDATE

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear parent

Welcome to the second Principal's update, this is shortened due to our most recent issue of the COAST magazine, which will also be issued today. I have responded to parental comments requesting a more slimmed down COAST magazine to make access easier. I will also add some appropriate information which may have been included on Twitter, Facebook and on the website; apologies for the duplication but some parents have mentioned that they do not use these social media platforms and therefore miss out on some communication.

It was a pleasure today attending the Rewards Convention at our academy. The top 30 students in each year group who have earned the most House Points were entertained with a movie afternoon including pizza. Well done to those students who have risen to one of our values: Challenge.

I also attended the inaugural presentation today from Mike Gretton, chairman of the Oxford University Society Group in Hampshire, including Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. The group primarily mentor students from coastal areas where representation at top universities may be lower. It was a fascinating discussion regarding an official guide to Oxbridge entrance exams.



Academy Site Development

As I mentioned last week, I am pleased to announce that after 4 years of delays, development for our new Creative Arts Centre and reception will begin early next year, with the first turf being cut in February/March. There will also be a number of remedial works and upgrades which will continue throughout the year. This will include a full refurbishment of the two food and nutrition rooms in summer 2023. From half term there will be a rolling programme of remedial work and window replacement throughout the academy. This will unfortunately include re-rooming in some cases for up to 5 weeks. We will ensure that students are made aware of the changes when they arise. As this will need the removal of the 1950s concrete lintels it will be noisy and dusty. We have discussed with the contractors the noise and disruption and they have assured the academy that there will be no noise at critical times, Year 11 assessments for instance.

New school addition

We are pleased to announce our newest addition to the school community, Pacey. Pacey is a 2 year old Cockapoo and he belongs to Miss Sothinathan. He will be around the school so please encourage your children to say hello. He is a very friendly dog who loves playing fetch and eating. Eventually, he will be working with some of our key students who would benefit having him around.

Please contact the school and let us know if your child is allergic to or afraid of dogs. Due to his breed, he is hypoallergenic so most allergy sufferers can interact with him.



Parental Engagement Group (PAG)

We were delighted to welcome parents to the first Parental Engagement Group of the school year. Mrs Ashley was kind enough to deliver a lesson so the group could understand the science of learning and what it feels like to be a student at Oasis Academy Sholing.

If you wish to experience a similar experience Mrs Ashley will be holding further lessons during the Parent Tutor afternoon.



Staff donations INSET day 14th October 2022



I would like to thank our staff who contributed the above items for the local Hub which is seeing stocks dwindling at a fast rate due to the current ongoing financial situation hitting families. I was really impressed with the goods supplied including sanitary and food products. Well done Team Sholing!

Free School Meal vouchers

Parents of students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be pleased to learn that Southampton City Council have taken the decision to distribute free school meal vouchers for the October half term. Parents will be issued with a voucher for £15.00 per child for the week. The details will be sent to you by close Friday 21st October, and can be redeemed in the same way as with previous vouchers. If you have any queries, please send an email via info@oasissholing.org, and we will respond to you.

Detention update

Should your child receive a detention during Periods 1 – 4, or Period 5 the previous day, a text will be sent to you by 1.10pm to inform you of the duration of the detention, and you can check MCAS for further details. If your child receives more than one detention during this period of time, please be informed that they will be kept for 60 mins to ensure all of the restorative meetings take place with the respective teachers. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 7 Parent Forum

I have received a really positive response from parents to fill vacant positions in the Parental Engagement Group. In particular I received a number of applications from Year 7 parents, so much so that I have decided to create a year 7 Parent Forum with our first meeting in the first week after half-term. Thank you to those parents who applied, we will send an invite by the end of the week.

For Year 7 parents please note we have a number of secure lockers which will be available on a first come first served basis. More information to follow.

Well done!

Well done to Michael Macmanus, he found a set of car keys which a member of the public had lost and was struggling to find in a park area. She was extremely grateful as you can see!



Year 11 Exams

Year 11 students have been revising hard over the last few weeks in lessons, at home and after school. The mock examinations start on Monday 31st October and will last for 2 weeks. In all the exam rooms we replicate the exact conditions that the students will experience next summer so students become used to the process and therefore it becomes less daunting. Following the exam period students will receive their grades and full feedback for each subject so they can celebrate their successes and build on their areas of development.

Saints Foundation

We were delighted to be able to welcome our Saints Community Champion into school this week who will be working with students in Years 7-10 for this academic year. The Saints Community Champion works for Southampton FC and will spend two days per week at Oasis Academy Sholing delivering a variety of sessions to selected small groups of students, focusing initially on literacy and enterprise activities. As the year progresses, the number of students working with the Community Champion will increase and will include mentoring and student leadership development. This is an exciting partnership with Southampton FC that we are sure many students will benefit from.

After school clubs

Just to remind all parents that we have a large choice of after school clubs that take place throughout the week. Our current list of clubs can be found on our website under *Learning/The Oasis Curriculum/Personal Development/Enrichment*.

Parent Tutor Afternoon, Tuesday 8th November

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Parent Tutor afternoon to be held after half term.

As well as meeting your child's tutor there will be various drop-in sessions taking place during the course of the afternoon to help you get to know the school and the staff.

Parent Drop in Sessions

Year 7 parents—meet the Head of Year and tour the school
(meet at reception) 2.30 pm-3.00 pm 3.30-4.00pm Mrs Rolls

Year 8 parents—meet the Head of Year and tour the school
(meet at reception) 3.00pm-3.30pm 4.00-4.30pm Mr MacDonald

Year 9 parents—getting ready for KS4—understanding the
GCSE options (M9 and M10) 3.00pm-3.30pm 4.00-4.30pm
Miss Sothinathan and Mrs Jones

Year 10 parents— Curriculum information (Main hall)
2.30—3.00 pm 3.30-4.00pm Mr Wilkinson

Year 11 parents— GCSEs—how to support your child (main
hall) 3.00pm-3.30pm 4.00-4.30pm Miss Sydenham and
Mrs Edwards

Learning @ Sholing—experience a lesson (M1) Mrs Ashley
2.30 pm-3.00 pm 3.00-3.30pm

Challenging high ability students @ Sholing (M11)
Mrs Gale

Meet the SEND Team (Athena) Mr Misselbrook, Miss
Lawrence , Mrs Read and the LSAs

Literacy—supporting your child at home (library until 4.00pm)
Mrs Travers and Mrs Ridley

Coffee, Cake and Care (Conference room)
Year Group Mentors , mental health and well being staff

Meet the careers team (Library until 4pm) Mrs Elliott and
Mrs Jesson

Finally, a reminder that the academy half-term commences the week beginning Monday 24th October and we will welcome our students back the week beginning Monday 31st October. A thank you for your continued support throughout this term.

Best wishes



Martin Brown
Principal