



# Principal's

UPDATE

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Dear parent

Welcome to the first Principal's update for Summer Term 1 with the start of the final Year 11 exams just over the horizon. I hope that you were able to relax during the Bank Holidays and celebrate the King's Coronation, we had the pleasure of one of our colleagues attending the Mayor's Coronation Tea Party, more below. As ever we see the summer term provide more opportunities for external visits including geography field trips to Dorset, Science trips to Intech Park in Winchester and farther afield the forthcoming Paris experience. I am also pleased to see that we are increasing our extra-curricular sporting opportunities, please see our website for more details. Finally, I am able to announce that we have appointed Ascia Construction Ltd. for the enabling works for our new Sports Hall and reception area with works commencing during half-term. We have also confirmed the installation of two brand new Food Technology rooms during the summer term as well as the final stage in our window replacement programme.

## Student sporting success

Well done to Erin Ward who after 5 years at Southampton FC, has been offered a further contract to continue her journey with the club. She will play next season with the U16's and this brings her one step closer to the Women's first team. Erin has worked extremely hard to reach this point and her dedication and talent have shone through for yet another season. Only half of Erin's team were offered contracts for next season so Erin has done extremely well.

### U15 Track Team

Last week our best athletes in year 8 and 9 participated in the elite County Athletics Competition. The squad were persistent and initiated respectable performances, the standout result was Stanley Shacklock in the 800m. The competition was of very high standards and the team held their own in keeping up with the competition, the team also finished 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. It was a fantastic experience for the team and gave them something to aspire to.

**Squad:** James Stinchcombe, Stanley Shacklock, Eljay Lang, Ellie Blunt, Willow Spencer, James Humby-Farmer, Reed Amey, Will Jones, Tom Allen, Annika van Leeuwen, Imogen May, Emily Colverson

## U13 Track Team

Last Thursday our team headed to Noadswood School to compete in the first round of the Hampshire Track Meet, with some notable performances from Oliver and Grace in the 80m. The team ended up 6<sup>th</sup> place overall and gained some valuable experience in the team's first experience of an athletics fixture.

**Squad:** Mia Gillette, Eponine Palmer, Ava McCarthy, Grace Barrett, Oliver Connis, Teddy Shacklock, Mitchell Roles, Jacob Prewitt, Sam Picken

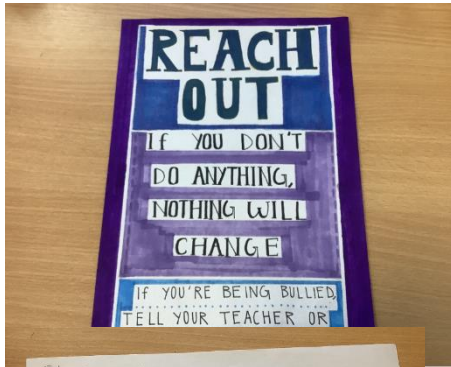
## Rotary Club Young Chef of the Year 2023 Competition

Congratulations to Phoebe, in Year 10, who reached the national final of the Rotary Club Young Chef of the Year competition. Although Phoebe came a close runner-up she was commended on her preparation and menu choice. It was a really tough competition which Phoebe seemed to take in her stride, and it was judged by two top professional chefs. The trophy she received is so big we cannot fit it into our trophy cabinet! Well done Phoebe an amazing result.

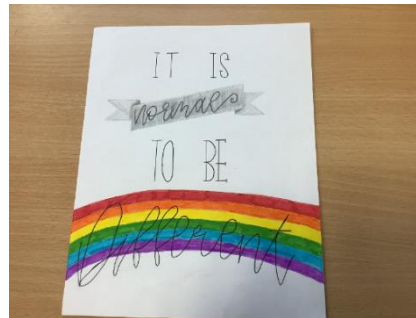
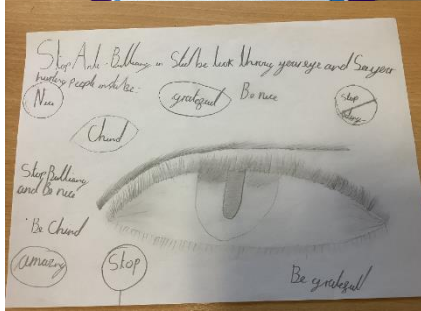


## Anti-bullying programme

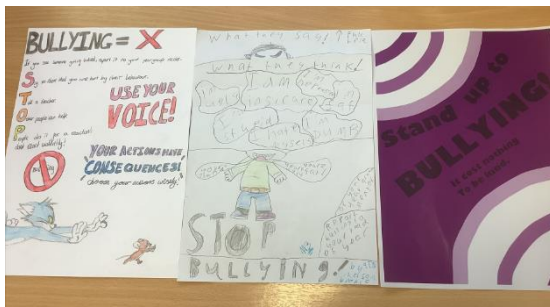
As a key part of our Anti-bullying campaign, we have launched a campaign to promote tolerance and stamp out anti-social and harmful comments to others. The Anti-bullying Ambassadors led by Mrs Edwards have organised a poster competition which will be the face of the academy campaign in the future. The following were the final choices with the following design from **Phocea Pereira in Year 9 being the overall winner**. Well done Phocea.



Our Year 7 winner was **Lily Harris** and Year 8 **Megan Elton**



with **Chloe Gray**, **Mason Brodie** and **Erin Smith** as runners-up.



### Coronation celebration

Well done to Logan, in year 7 who absolutely smashed the Coronation cup-cake competition led by our caterers Sodexo. Not only did Logan make his cup-cakes he also created the box and external decoration. As a result, he was able to walk away with a number of prizes including baking equipment and appropriate Coronation themed items.



As mentioned above, our very own Claire Moore, who is an amazing and dedicated LSA experienced an afternoon at the Civic Offices with the Mayor at the Coronation afternoon tea. She was absolutely thrilled by the experience including the behind-the-scenes tour.



## Attendance celebration

Full attendance is a key contributor towards successful outcomes and progress, I am pleased to say that we are seeing a gradual increase in our overall attendance at Oasis Academy Sholing. At the end of this half-term over 300 students will be awarded in a celebration event due to their green attendance level (between 97-100% attendance) this will, of course, include our traditional ice-cream van visit. Well done! Our yellow band students (approximately 160) will also have an opportunity to celebrate as they endeavour to reach the 97% attendance.

## Brilliant Club degree grading success

I was really pleased to receive a detailed email from the Brilliant Club this morning, outlining the final university-style grading from their Scholar's programme assignments. These are degree style awards and were marked by a University Professor as part of the programme. The students will find out their grades in their final feedback sessions in the following weeks however the cohort of 26 year 9 and 10 students have performed so well that 8 first class honours have been awarded. Jack Baldwin from year 10 stole the show with a whopping 85% and no students achieving the lowest boundary of third-class honours. The course will culminate in an awards event at Oxford University.

## Year 11 Exams

GCSE examinations start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and run until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. During this period staff will be running masterclasses before each exam which includes breakfast at 8:00am classes and refreshments before the afternoon exams. After school revision classes continue whilst the exams are on as well as revision in school at half term. This is an intense period for the Year 11 students, and I wish them all the best.

## And finally....

We are often quick to criticise but less to celebrate and sadly especially our teenage community, so it was really nice to receive the following email from a member of the public.


*"Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I am emailing you to express my thanks to some lovely students, who helped my niece yesterday when she fell over across the road from the Millers Pond pub.*

*My niece has autism and other learning needs, she was running to try and catch the bus but unfortunately fell over and really hurt herself. There was a group of year 10 pupils (lads and girls) that were walking home from school and 4 of the lads came rushing down to make sure that she was ok as she was in a right mess and helped her back on her feet. One of the girls asked if she wanted her to ring anyone to come and get her as they didn't want to just leave her there. One of the lads insisted, that they weren't going anywhere until her dad come to collect her and 2 of the girls helped her in the car along with another girl carrying her belongings to the car.*

*I just want to say a huge thank you to those pupils for not only helping my niece out when she fell over, but also staying with her until her father come and got her. She and I are grateful for the help, her parents are as well. These pupils as well the staff in the school should be very proud of themselves for being so kind towards my niece. She is doing ok and luckily there are not broken bones but a few cuts and bruises."*

Best wishes.



Martin Brown

Principal