

We have reached the final week of this term, with Year 10 and 11 receiving their results from their mock exams, our Community Experience Day on Wednesday and our celebration assemblies to look forward to on Friday. On Wednesday, students are welcome to wear PE kit for the **experience day**. Year 8 and 9 may also be working outside and so should bring a warm coat to wear.

Last week our **Year 10 Music and Drama** students very much enjoyed their **trip to see Hercules in the West end**. Our **Year 8 and 9 netball teams** drew and won their matches in another show of their great progress. We also had sporting success at the London Wallball championships; Anas and Michael are now the U13 London champions!

Last week we launched our **parent survey**. Please do take some time to complete it when you can; we really value everyone’s feedback. The link is here: <https://questions.tep.uk/oa-silver>

We are aiming to reduce the number of times that we write to you each week, instead including most communications in this **bulletin**. Please ensure that you read it in full each Monday.

Have a lovely holiday when it comes.

Emily Boxer, Principal

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- **30th Mar – 10th Apr** – Easter Holidays
- **13th Apr** – INSET Day
- **14th April** – Start of term for all students
- **16th April** – Year 6 Friendship Afternoon
16:00 – 17:00
- **17th April** – Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- **22nd April** – Year 10 Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm
- **7th May** – Year 11 GCSE exams begin
- **3rd Jun** – Year 7, 8 and 9 End of Year Assessments begin
- **8th Jun** – Year 10 End of Year Assessments begin

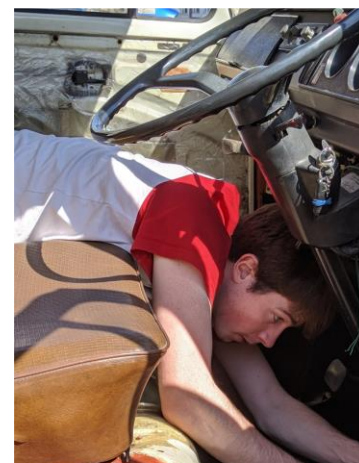
Events this week:

- **25th Mar** – Community Experience Day for Year 7-10
 - **Year 7** – Stop the Hate workshops, West Ham Foundation.
 - **Year 8 and 9** – volunteering in the local community
 - **Year 10** – Jack Petchey ‘Speak Out’ workshops
- **27th Mar** – Last day of term (Finish at 14:05)

Meet the Staff:

**Samuel
McDonald**

Subject Lead for History



Reminders/Useful Links:

- Please complete the parental consent form on MCAS. Instructions [here](#).
- General enquiries: office@oasissilvertown.org
- Concerns/complaints [form](#).
- Lunch time and after school clubs [details](#)
- Information for [hiring the site](#) during evenings, weekends and school holidays

I chose to work at Oasis Academy Silvertown because this was the area I lived in when I first moved to London back in 2019. I lived just across the road from the school and felt like this area had great significance to my life in London, so I jumped at the opportunity to return and work in an area that I care about. I was proud to be a part of the community when I lived here, then moving to King George V, I feel like I know this area well and believe it is one of the most exciting parts of London to live and work in.

One thing that I never talk about enough is my appreciation for old cars. During lockdown I began restoring a 1976 VW T2 Campervan – It taught me so much about bringing something back to life. I picked up skills in welding (extremely badly), bodywork, wiring, electrics, and interior design. It’s taken a while and still isn’t perfect, but I’m planning to re-sand and repaint the van over Easter.

Instrumental Lessons for the Summer term

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Instrumental Lessons

After a successful term of music, we are now planning for next term. I am pleased to say that we will continue to offer instrumental lesson in all the instruments we did this term. The instruments your child can learn are **Piano, Singing, Guitar, Bass Guitar, or Drums.**

If your child would like to take up this opportunity, they will attend a 20-minute lesson once per week. You can choose whether your child will attend a solo lesson (alone) or a paired lesson (with one other pupil). These lessons will be on a rotation system so that pupils do not miss the same subject each week. Students who choose to study music for GCSE in Year 10 and 11 have lessons provided for free. Prices for lessons are listed below.

	Solo lesson	Paired lesson
Cost per term (10 lessons)	£70	£35
Cost per lesson	£7	£3.50

Lessons are taught in practice rooms in the music department by instrumental teachers, all of whom are highly trained musicians. All instrumental teachers come to us recommended and have been through the normal police and DBS checks.

If you would like your child to attend instrumental lessons this term, please fill out [this online form](#) by Wednesday **15th April**. Please note that we cannot guarantee lessons, it is dependent on the number of pupils choosing to take that instrument. We will contact you again to confirm whether your child has successfully gained a place for instrumental lessons and to explain when payment is due.

If your child had instrumental lessons this term payment must be completed in order for them to continue having instrumental lessons this term. You can view payments on MCAS. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

If you are concerned about payment, please contact the academy's finance department on LSEorders@oasisuk.org to set up a payment plan or for financial support.

If you have any further queries regarding the music education that your child is receiving, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Anders Ervik

Teacher of Music

iPad Refresh Programme for Years 8, 9 and 10

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: iPad Refresh Programme

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best digital learning experience for our students, we will soon be carrying out our scheduled iPad Refresh Programme. This ensures that all students are equipped with up-to-date, reliable devices for their learning.

This means your child will receive a new iPad as part of this refresh. To receive the new device, they must return their current school iPad and accessories. Please ensure your child brings back the following items:

- The current iPad
- The iPad case
- The charging cable
- The power adaptor

All items must be returned in reasonable working condition. If any part of the issued equipment is lost, missing, or damaged beyond normal wear, a replacement fee of £100 will be charged.

All equipment must be returned **no later than 25/03/2026** so that we can prepare and issue the new devices promptly. Students who do not return their current device by the deadline may experience a delay in receiving their replacement iPad.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the iPad refresh or the return process, please contact us at the school.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in ensuring our students have the best tools for learning.

Kind regards,

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Operations Manager

Family Survey – have your say!

Last week we launched our Family Survey, and we would really value your feedback. We are working with an independent education research organisation, The Engagement Platform (TEP), to gather families' views about their experience of our academy. Your feedback will help us understand what we are doing well and where we can make things even better for our children, families and wider community. This survey focuses on your everyday experience as a family and how you and your child feel about our academy. A few key things to know:

- It takes around 10 minutes
- It is completely anonymous
- It can be completed on any device (including your child's school iPad)
- More than one parent/carer can complete it

It's really quick and easy to access, simply click the link here to get started: <https://questions.tep.uk/oa-silver>

If you need any support accessing or completing the survey, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Free Holiday Club Places for children with SEND through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

These funded places are available for school aged children and young people aged 10-16 years. Please note that the London Borough of Newham's HAF Programme can only provide free holiday club places to eligible children and young people who either reside in the London Borough of Newham or attend a school within Newham.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **10-16 Years old**
- **Must have Special Educational Needs (SEN)**
- **Attend a school in the London Borough of Newham**

The HAF Programme runs during the Easter Holidays at Caramel Rock: 17-18 Lower Dock Walk, London, E16 2GT

- Monday 30th March 2026 (11am – 3pm)
- Tuesday 31st March 2026 (11am – 3pm)
- Wednesday 1st April 2026 (11am – 3pm)
- Thursday 2nd April 2026 (11am – 3pm)

Limited places are available on a first come first served basis. Should you require any further information, please contact the Caramel Rock Team at 02074763222.

My Child at School (MCAS) Notifications

As a school, we are always looking for ways to make communication between school and home clearer and more efficient. To help with this, we are moving towards using the MCAS (My Child at School) app as the main way of sharing information.

Over time, you may notice fewer texts and emails being sent to you. Instead, key messages and updates such as announcements, reminders, merits, and trip information, will all be shared through MCAS, as well as weekly on the parent bulletin. This allows you to access everything in one place without messages becoming too overwhelming.

Please make sure that you are checking the app regularly. If you have not already done so, we recommend ensuring that notifications are switched on so you don't miss any important updates about your child. If you need any support with setting up or navigating the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve communication.