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Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a privilege to educate your child this academic year, and to return back after my maternity leave to see how well all our students are doing as they grow and continue to develop their skills and talents in so many areas. Thank you all for your warm wishes upon my return. I also thank Mr Alex Lewis for leading the academy so well during my leave and for his commitment in looking after our academy community. I shared some exciting news about our permanent building with you back in June. We were delighted to secure planning permission in June at Newham Planning Committee and to see demolition work commence on site. I will be in touch in the autumn term with a further update. We look forward to our students visiting the new site to see the works taking place early in the term.

Highlights

There have been so many highlights this year, and I would first like to mention how very proud I am of our class of 2019: our first cohort of Year 11s. Very little time seems to have passed since they were choosing their Year 9 options, yet we recently celebrated the end of their examinations with their prom on the Tereza Joanne boat in June. As staff and students watched the sun set from the celebrations on the boat, it was a time to reflect on all their success and to look forward with excitement at their bright futures. We look forward to celebrating with the cohort on results day, and also to seeing how our first Year 11 cohort will continue to inspire our students at sixth form, university and beyond as our first alumni.



We are delighted with the design for our new building, which will be on the site of the Old Fire Station at West Silvertown. This is how the front of our building will look from North Woolwich Road.

Principal's Message

We continue to develop as a centre of excellence for the arts, music and enrichment and we continue to hold termly enrichment days where students can explore their talents and interests further. On our Spring term community enrichment day, students took part in the Great British Spring Clean, supported in a care home for the elderly, did some teaching at Drew Primary and cleared the garden at Britannia Village Hall. Students recently took part in our annual futures week, with students visiting Oxford University, University of East London, workshops with lawyers, work experience at Lendlease developers and much more. A real highlight was our annual Year 9 Careers Networking Evening, where we welcomed over 50 professionals into the academy for speed-networking conversations with our Year 9 students who have just chosen their GCSE options. An inspiring evening was had by all. Finally, our summer showcase proved to be the best yet, with performances including acting, dancing, our Year 7 choir, rapping and of course our very own staff band.

Our student leaders continue to be an asset to our academy; you can read more about their achievements and impact later in this newsletter. We also welcomed our Year 6 students into our academy for their transition day. We look forward to these students joining us in September.

New Roles

We say farewell to some valued members of staff: Ms Keen, Ms Aldonza, Mr Parrish, Ms Jones and Ms Ferguson. We thank them for all their work here and we know they will continue to be part of our extended academy family. We congratulate Ms Smith, Mr Barlow and Ms Marsden on their appointment as Associate Assistant Principal and Ms Davies on her appointment as Key Stage Achievement Lead for Science. We congratulate Ms Tibbatts on her appointment as Lead for Careers, Development and Progression, as well as Ms Charles on her appointment as Lead for Student Leadership and Ms Gallimore as Lead for Targeted Support for Access and Inclusion and also Head of House. We are very proud of Mr Hayes and Ms M Gill, who whilst they continue teaching with us, have been selected as National Lead Practitioners in History and Mathematics respectively. We thank all of our committed and dedicated staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

Reminders

- Mrs R Gill, Assistant Principal, will be writing to you shortly with details of 1:1 appointments for students and parents with learning coaches on 05 and 06 September 2019. These appointments are compulsory and crucial for ensuring a strong and focused beginning to the new academic year. Please follow the instructions on the letter and please ensure you attend.
- Our first day back for **Year 7 is Friday 06 September 2019** and for **Years 8-11 the first day back is Monday 09 September 2019**.
- Our students continue to look smart and professional; please note the uniform expectations which appear on our website and in my letter to parents.

Lastly, I wish all our students, parents, carers, families and community a very restful and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

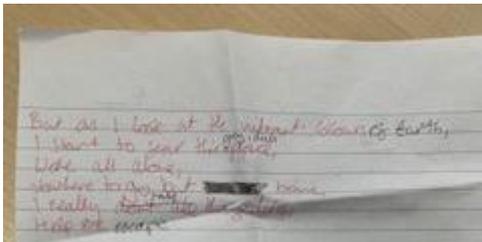
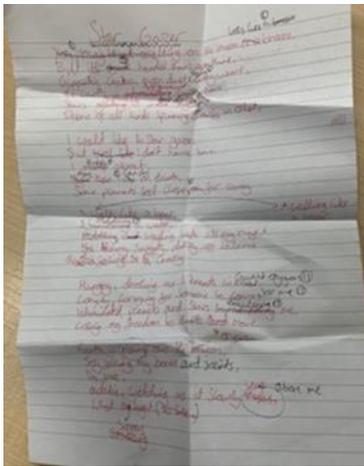
Very best wishes



Johanna Thompson - **Principal**

Able Writers' Day

On Monday 13 May 2019, a group of sixteen Year 7 students attended the Able Writers' Day at Beckton Globe Library. Students had the opportunity to work with one of the UK's leading performance poets, Neal Zetter. Whilst on the trip, the students used the writing and performing of poetry to develop their literacy, self-expression, confidence, creativity and presentation skills. Many of the students commented that they thoroughly enjoyed expressing themselves through poetry. Several students commented that "the experience helped them to see the importance of planning and re-drafting their work" and how "choosing words carefully is important" when expressing creative ideas.



An example of edits made to a poem a student wrote. This poem is about the experience of landing on the Moon.

Year 10 RE Trip to a Church

In the first term of their GCSEs, Year 10 Religious Studies students had been studying about Christian beliefs and practices. In December we visited a local Church, Ascension Church Victoria Dock, in order to interview the Church leaders and see Christian practices in action. Students asked some very interesting questions and ended up having high level debates with the Church leaders about complex philosophical theories like the Trinity.



Year 10 visited Ascension Church

Principal's Merit Breakfast

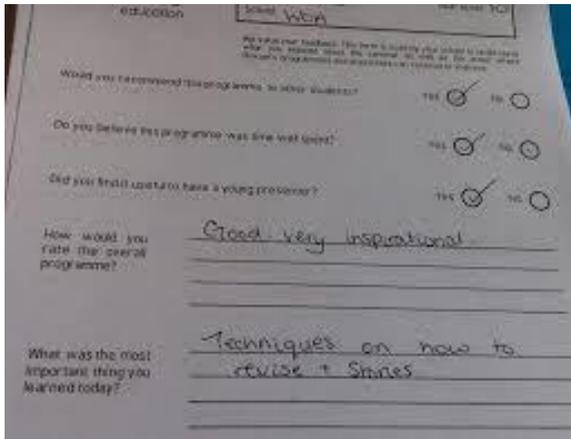
We really enjoy rewarding good behaviour and students who have done exceptionally well are invited to attend breakfast with the Principal on Wednesday mornings. Two students from each house are invited on a weekly basis and they receive hot chocolate and a variety of edible treats.



Elevate

Elevate, a company specialising in revision techniques, ran a number of workshops for our Year 11 students this year to help them refine their independent learning habits. The first session they ran, Study Sensei, presented students with research about how the most effective learners revise. The second session they ran, Ace Your Exams, helped students structure their times in the weeks before exams, gave them a checklist for things to do on the day of an exam and also helped them ensure their mock exams were useful by having

a list of things to do with each mock exam to help them analyse their performance. The third session they ran, Memory Mnemonics, gave students a chance to understand the science behind memory.



An image of written feedback after a workshop.

Riot Act

In October, Year 7 had the pleasure of receiving a performance from the Riot Act. This is an organisation that puts on shows to explore the importance of road safety. The show gave Year 7 students the chance to reflect on the possible consequences of decisions young people make, the importance of taking care of your peer group, and lots of laughs in the process!

Knife Crime Prevention Workshop

In November, Year 9 took part in a workshop run by The Flavasum Trust. They watched a film Devastating After Effects and had a chance to hear from someone who had been directly affected by knife crime. Students impressed the facilitators with their mature attitude to a sensitive topic and their ability to reflect and analyse the consequences of decisions.



Year 10 RE Trip to a Temple

In the second term of their GCSEs, Year 10 Religious Studies students had been studying about Hindu beliefs and practices. In July we visited a Hindu Temple, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden, in order to interview Temple leaders and see Hindu practices in action. Students got to see an arti ceremony, where members of the community make offerings to their gods.



Year 10 students visited a Hindu Temple.

Revision

All Year 7-10 students have assessments in the summer term and students have been experimenting with a range of revision techniques in their Learning Coaching and Enrichment sessions. Students have mastered how to use look-cover-write-check-correct, how to make the best notes and learnt about the importance of retrieval practice through self and peer quizzing. Every year group also had a chance to test themselves before their assessments through a Big Quiz in the hall, where there were 45 questions from a variety of subjects to answer. Vouchers were given out to the winners.



Students quiz each other on their revising during Learning Coaching.

Local History

In the Spring term Year 8 students studied the Industrial Revolution through an exploration into the local area of Silvertown. Student's discovered how Silvertown got its name and what the living and working conditions were like. They also had to find out why Silvertown workers went on strike for 3 months in 1889!

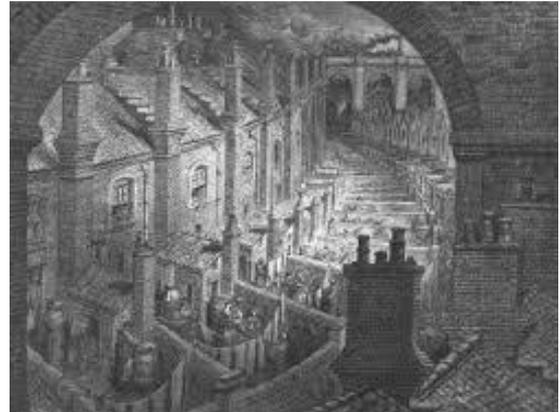


A picture of the factories of Silvertown in the 19th Century.

Whitechapel Trip

As part of their GCSE History course on Crime and Punishment, c1000-present, our Year 10 students study Whitechapel in the 19th century. To enhance their understanding of the features of the area, the conditions people lived in and the often violent crimes that took place there, the entire Year 10 history cohort took a tour of some of the historic sites still visible in the present day. During the tour, students were able to apply the knowledge they had acquired in class to the actual physical location. Seeing how the narrow streets and poor lighting would have created a haven for the Lurkers (a gang of roving child pick pocketers), and how the sheer number of drinking establishments led

to many people leaving themselves vulnerable to the knives of Jack the Ripper.



19th Century view of a Whitechapel street.

House Competitions - Brainteasers

Throughout the year students have competed in house competitions demanding intellectual rigour, resilience, dexterity, and a dash of lateral thinking. Students have taken part in chess competitions, puzzle-solving and a House of Cards build-off extravaganza. From Year 7-Year 11, many students have shown off hidden talents and completed amazing feats in the process. Kata in Year 8 dominated the chess competition, taking on all comers and even giving Mr Hayes a run for his money, securing the House points for Malala in the process. Bianca, Kata, Cayenne, Unique and Simonetta all rose to the challenge presented by the house of cards. Completing three whole layers and last but not least, no one could quite crack the final puzzle box but Esther in Year 11 demolished 9 out of the 11 puzzles to take the title of reigning queen of puzzles.



Bianca in Year 7 - winner of the House of Cards competition.

House Competitions - Art

Throughout the year students have had a chance to show off their artistic talents in the artistic house competitions. Students from all year groups produced fantastic posters, poems, songs and logos in these competitions. Amilia, Zara and Viktorija designed brilliant logos to represent their houses. Students produced artwork to support different causes throughout the year including International Womens' Day and Holocaust Remembrance Day. It was great to see so many students supporting and raising awareness of these important events.



The winning logos for the 3 houses.

House Competition - Sport

A number of sporting inter-house competitions have taken place this year. The first inter-house competition was football and this was won by Jobs house after an impressive display in all of the games they won. The event took place at Newham Leisure centre and it was enjoyed by all. The next competition that took place was table tennis, with table tennis being very competitive at Oasis Academy Silvertown. There were lots of entries from all houses and involved over 20 students after school in the playground. The competition was a round robin style event and players were aiming to play as many games as they could within an allotted time frame. The overall winners were Nightingale. Our final inter-house competition was basketball, and again was extremely popular with all students. In a very close contest it came down to a draw on points between Nightingale and Malala, so to decide the winner it went to a shoot off between Yiasir from Malala and Keanu from Nightingale, after 3 rounds where both players scored, it was Yiasir that came out victorious to claim the win for Malala.

Futures Week

(08 - 12 July 2019)

During Futures Week (08-09 July 2019) students had the opportunity to explore their future career prospects through meeting a variety of professionals, inspiring assemblies, bespoke lessons covering Higher Education options and various excursions to a wide spectrum of University providers.



Our Year 9 students outside Oxford University.



Deep in conversation with professionals from various fields.

Year 10 had their work experience week in which they explored the world of work. Year 9 went to Oxford University and met a number of different professionals during our networking evening. Year 8 visited a number of London based universities and had the opportunity to discover Law based careers during the legal workshop run by 10 Lawyers from a London based law firm. Finally, Year 7 went to UEL and had lessons in choosing higher education/career pathways after Year 11.

The Big Quiz

Eight Year 8 students who won the Silvertown Science Big Quiz represented the academy at Oasis Academy Southbank where they competed against several other Oasis Academies on the 02 July 2019. After 2 rounds of quick-fire questions both teams of students performed brilliantly and made it to the final round. Silvertown Team B (Milana, Leila, Nikola and Belle) came in second place and Silvertown Team A (Liky, Polina, Kamile and Kata) came in first place. The students all won tickets to the Big Bang science fair in Birmingham next March. Liky won the prize for the best student in the competition.



We are the Champions! Our triumphant Year 8 students who took 1st and 2nd place in the Big Quiz competition.

Year 11 Prom

This term, we said goodbye to our Year 11 students on the Tereza Joanne moored boat at our first ever school prom. It was a fantastic night where the Year 11 students celebrated together with their teachers their successful 5 years at Oasis Academy Silvertown. We wish our Year 11 students every success in pursuing their goals and dreams!



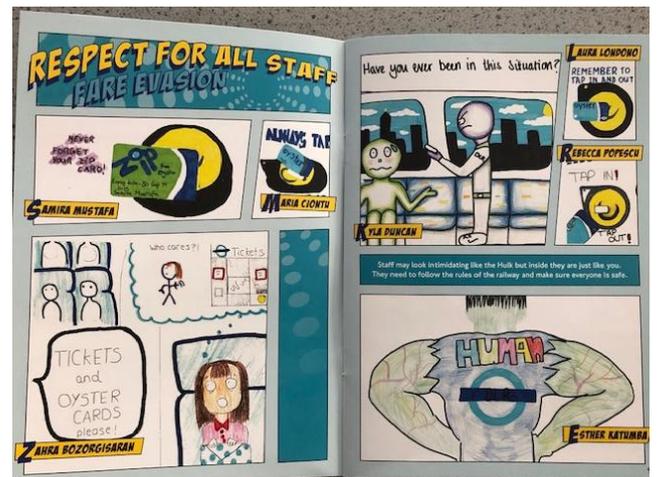
Year 11 'School Mum' Gemma Perry receiving a bunch of well deserved flowers.

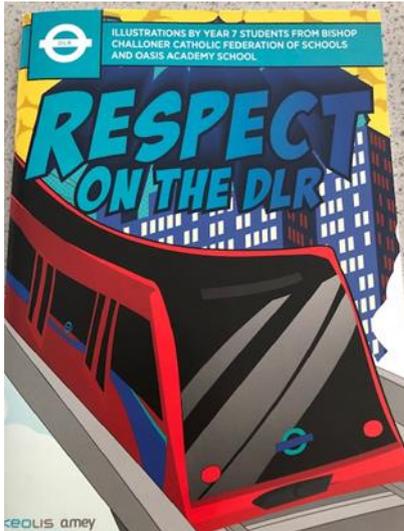


All involved and enjoying the 'Candy' dance.

DLR Respect Campaign

Whilst in Year 9, our current Year 11 students entered an art competition to create illustrations for the DLR Respect Campaign booklet. Oasis Academy Silvertown won the competition along with one other school and their Keith Haring illustrations have now been published by DLR.





Winning illustrations from our talented students.

Parents Tea & Biscuits Event

Our first tea and biscuits session was held on 03 July 2019 and was a success. We had a variety of parents attending who gave us some constructive and positive feedback. This will become a half termly event being held in the evenings. Our next date will be Wednesday 16 October 2019 @ 5.30pm. All parents are warmly welcome to attend.



Please pop in for tea, biscuits and a chat on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

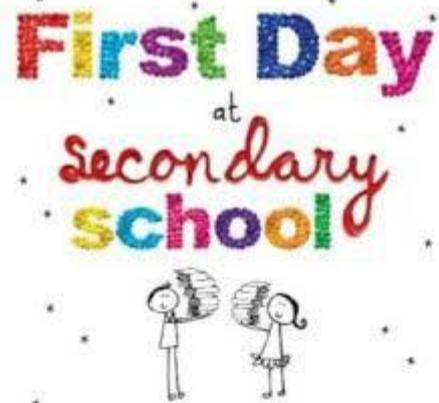
Magic Breakfast



A healthy brain needs a good breakfast - so on 01 July 2019 we started the 'Magic Breakfast' club. We would like to thank our Student Parliament whose idea it was to initiate this club, where students can get free wholegrain bagels with a variety of toppings to begin their academy day. They can be collected from Student Services between 8:00am and 8:25am each morning.

Year 6 Transition

This term we have welcomed our new Year 7's to the academy on several occasions in order to ensure their move to secondary school is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Our unique transition programme began with 1:1 Induction Meetings in May. This gave parents and students the opportunity to share information about their child's interests and needs, complete important administration, sign the home school agreement and have the opportunity to ask any individual questions. This was followed by our Year 6 Friendship Afternoon in early June. This gave our new students and their parents the chance to meet with key members of staff and other families joining the Academy in September. Our transition programme concluded with our Year 6 to 7 Induction Day in late June, which gave new students the opportunity to meet more key members of staff, future classmates and experience a fully interactive day where students sampled secondary school lessons and completed a range of activities. Students also sat two assessments on this day and the results of these assessments will be used to inform our planning, to monitor progress and to identify any extra support students may require. We can't wait to welcome our new Year 7's back on Friday 06 September 2019 (morning only) for their first day at Oasis Academy Silvertown!



Student Parliament

Our student parliament have had a hugely successful Year. Aply led by Prime Minister Sophie, and Deputy Prime Minister Kata, the parliament have worked with

members of the student council and the wider student cohort to impact positive change in the academy and beyond.



Some of our amazing and hard-working student parliament.

A particular highlight of the year includes their work on teaching and learning, where they took feedback from students on what helps them learn. This led to large scale events like revision sessions in coaching time, as well as the “big quizzes.” As a result of feedback from the student parliament about healthy snacks being available before lunch, the academy has partnered with Magic Breakfast to provide a free bagel for every student who would like one in the mornings.



Our student parliament visited Lendlease to feed back their ideas on the development at West Silvertown.

Our student parliament have also worked hard to shape our community. Recently they worked in partnership with Lendlease developers to take feedback from the student cohort about what young people would like to see in the new development at West Silvertown. They then visited Lendlease offices at International Quarter Stratford on 15 July to present their ideas. Some of the most creative suggestions were a gym aimed at young people, a permanent ice-cream van and an outdoor lido.



We thank our student parliament and council for all their hard work this year.

Community Enrichment Day

All students take part in one Enrichment Day each half term. The whole academy comes off timetable and takes part in activities around a theme. This year we have had

- STEM Day
- Expressive Arts Enrichment Day
- Healthy Living Day
- Community Day – Monday 01 April 2019

On the Community Enrichment Day in April, we started the day with an assembly, learning about how Oasis started as well as how Oasis works in communities around the world. Later in the morning, students went off site to start volunteering. It was an opportunity for our students to do something good for our local community, to learn about local projects, meet local people and to develop their leadership skills. This year we went to primary schools, a residential home, complete litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean, cleared gardens at local community centres, held a community tea and tidied up our own academy. One group of students visited the projects on the day and wrote up a newspaper report, sharing success stories from all the projects!



Community Art created on the Community Enrichment Day with Ms Gallimore.



Students running the community tea for parents and people from the local community.



Students Clearing the Garden at BV Hall.

Newham Harmony Concert

A group of Year 7 students had the exciting opportunity to take part in a project run by a group called Newham Harmony. Throughout the year the students have attended various vocal workshops with other local schools in order to prepare for the final concert which took place at Stratford Circus Arts Centre on Wednesday 10 July 2019. The event was a huge success and marks the beginning of a project which will last for the next two years with Newham Harmony. This will eventually culminate in a performance featuring schools from all across London. Our students showed amazing resilience and professionalism on the day and during rehearsals. The students who took part in the final concert were: Franchescka, Ese, Robertas, Lois, Amani, Yazir, Adina, Jinal, Ellie-Mae and Rima.



Singing their hearts out at Stratford Circus Arts Centre.

Battle of the Bands

On Wednesday 03 July 2019 our Year 9 band performed at a Battle of the Bands hosted by a group called Restore the Music UK in central London. Bobbi-Jo, Ricardo, Haliyat, Hope and Amilia performed a song which they wrote themselves at the event, which was a competition between several London schools. Whilst we did not win the competition, it is safe to say that this was the band's best performance to date and they are already eagerly planning for the competition next year!



9B Whole Class Band Performance.

Instrumental Lesson Concert

On Tuesday 09 July 2019 a group of students performed at a special concert within the academy to showcase their amazing progress during instrumental lessons over the course of this year. The students who participated in the concert did themselves proud

performing in front of an audience made up of parents and teachers. The students who performed included: Franchescka, Aisha, Zara, Polina, Nikola, Robertas, Sara, Hope and Adina. Come along next term if you missed out this time!



Summer Showcase

On Wednesday 17 July 2019 the academy hosted the annual Summer Showcase event which highlighted a variety of acts including music, dance and drama. The evening was a resounding success with an extremely professional standard to all performances. The event began with an amazing art exhibition showcasing student work from across the academy in OAS7 before performances began. Performances began with an incredible dance routine performed by Liky, Zuzanna, Leila, Sienna and Polina in Year 8. For the first time ever our showcase also featured a fashion show of Year 11 GCSE textiles work modelled by year 9 students Daniela, Michelle and Odeta, excellently narrated by Nejat. Another first for the showcase was the inclusion of a band consisting of an entire Year 9 class! They performed a memorable rendition of Stormzy's 'Crown.' There were also solo performances including Sara on piano and Franchescka singing, as well as a self-written monologue by Nikola in Year 8. The Year 9 band of Hope, Ricardo, Haliyat, Amilia and Bobbi-jo performed their original song 'Without You' and the Year 7 singers performed 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars. The evening concluded with performances by Miss Jeanpierre and the Silvertown Staff Band, who sang 'All Star' by Smash Mouth. This event was also a fundraiser for our academy to be able to buy a new stage for the hall in order to make future performances even more breath taking than this one was. If you would like to donate then this can still be done via our JustGiving page at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oasissilvertownstage.



Our Year 7 Singers practising for the Summer Showcase.

Student Prefects

Our prefects have had an amazing year; not only can they be seen on duty daily, but also helping out at academy events. The Prefect team have had a full package of training, including training on teamwork, public speaking and interview techniques. A recent highlight were the speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl Candidates in whole academy assembly on Friday 19 July 2019. Our candidates gave inspirational speeches. Voting booths were set up at break and lunch. Almost every member of staff and students voted and the results will be revealed in the end of term assembly on Tuesday 23 July 2019. Well done to these students and our whole Prefect team.



We are extremely proud of our amazing prefects! Here are just some of our team...



Thank you Giselle and the art department for designing our voting box for Head Boy and Head Girl!



Our Head Boy and Head Girl candidates.

Sports Day



The Fry brothers leading the way in their track event.

Sports day was a great way to end our year, with all students participating in different events throughout the day. Every student played rounders with their learning coaching group in the morning, before individuals moved on to long jump, triple jump and running events. All scores were calculated by the maths team and the final winners were announced in assembly... Nightingale won for the first time ever!



Yiasir taking his jump in the long jump event.



Doing it for the girls!

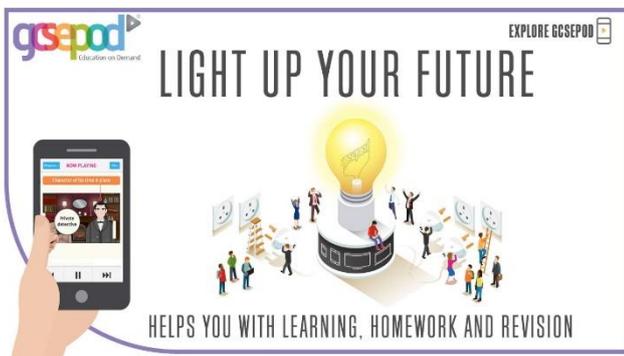
Newham Headstart

We are very fortunate to still have HeadStart, a Mental Health Programme, in the academy. Delivered in partnership with the London Borough of Newham and funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund, the HeadStart programme is a preventative early help service working with 10-16 year olds with emerging mental health difficulties. Students from Year 8-10 are working alongside HeadStart staff to introduce ways to reduce mental health disorders in the academy.



Home Learning and GCSE Study Tips

Our students are becoming increasingly independent using Show My Homework daily to check their home learning schedules and GCSE pod to revise topics for assessments. Please remember that study club runs for one hour after school from Tuesday to Friday where students can receive additional support and resources to complete their home learning. All students in Year 7-11 have been set home learning for this summer. Please check Show My Homework for this if your child did not receive it on the last day of term.



Cashless System

As of 04 January 2018 we no longer accept cash from students or parents for lunch money, as we have become a cashless academy. This has enabled us to continue to serve students quickly at lunch times as the academy grows in size. Please visit our website for more information.



Learn more about the cashless system at this page on our website.

PLACE2BE

Oasis Academy Silvertown partner with a national children's charity called Place2Be, which offers counselling for students whilst at school. Nina Laryea-Shepherd from Place2Be leads the project and twice a week (usually on a Wednesday and Thursday) offers a quiet area for some of our students to reflect and think about their thoughts and feelings. Place2talk offer students a lunchtime drop in for 15-minutes, either on their own or in a small group, and longer one-to-one sessions are offered throughout the day for students who need a little more time to work through some of the challenges they are facing. Parents and students can learn more about the charity by visiting our website. Nina is happy to meet parents who would like to talk to her, so please drop in to the Academy office and request a meeting with her when you can.

