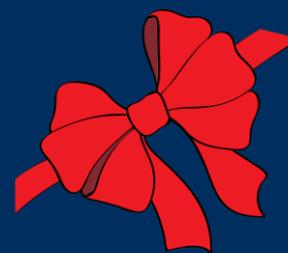


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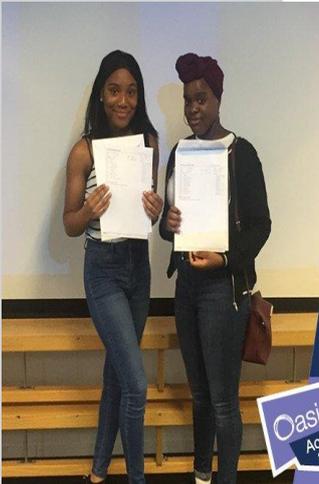
WINTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a real privilege to educate our Silvertown students this term, and what a successful Autumn Term it has been. I continue to receive positive feedback from visitors to the academy about our students' exemplary attitudes to learning and focus, as well as the warm, friendly family atmosphere we have created here at Oasis Silvertown which we know is underpinned by strong relationships and high expectations. We are also excited that work is well underway on our permanent building at West Silvertown. We look forward to visiting this with some of our student leaders in the Spring Term to see the progress with the build.

Highlights

Our Year 11 2019 Cohort achieved excellent results in their GCSE Exams, achieving some of the highest attainment at Grades 4+ and 5+ in the whole of Newham! Our Year 11 alumni are currently studying at a wide range of excellent sixth form provisions including: London Academy of Excellence Stratford, London Academy of Excellence Tottenham, Brampton Manor Sixth Form, Newham Collegiate (NCS), Harris Academy Chobham and Mulberry UTC. We continue to maintain strong links with the top sixth forms and even have London Academy of Excellence students supporting some of our students in their Maths, English and Science lessons once a week. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 alumni back in to hear about their first term at sixth form in the near future as our alumni programme launches!



Congratulations to Flourish and Thara for fantastic results!
9 GCSEs each all 6+!

18 GCSEs



A brilliant first set of results for Oasis Academy Silvertown!

81% achieved 4+ in English

77% achieved 5+!

75% of students got 4+ in English and Maths combined!



Principal's Message

As our last year's Year 11 take the next step on their educational journey, we have welcomed in our new cohort of Year 7 students into our Silvertown family. The cohort enjoyed their residential trip in October to Kingswood Activity centre, as well as a year group visit to the pantomime at Stratford Theatre. We are pleased to see so many of them have taken on leadership roles already, even making speeches to parents at open evening and open day events!

I am proud that we continue to be a beacon of excellence for the arts, music and enrichment and we have already held 2 whole academy enrichment days on "Healthy Living" and "STEM : Science, Technology Engineering and Maths." You can read more about the activities our students took part in later in the newsletter. Our winter "Creative Showcase" was truly spectacular and included an inspiring performance from Othello by our GCSE drama class, our Year 10 Samba group and of course, our amazing Year 7 Choir. Our students have performed at all kinds of high profile events and venues this term, including the Shakespeare Schools' Festival and even the Royal Albert Hall!

Our student leaders continue to be an asset to our academy; our newly appointed student parliament, sports leaders and ambassadors are having a real visible impact across the academy. Our Year 11 Prefects continue to make us very proud and we are excited to launch our Year 10 prefect recruitment process after Christmas.

New roles

We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Spargo at the beginning of this term as she returned from her maternity leave. We are pleased and proud that Ms Mukasa has been appointed as Oasis National Lead Practitioner for Geography. This means that as well as continuing her role here, she will support our wider Oasis Family too. We wish Mrs Gallimore well as she begins her maternity leave early in the Spring Term. We thank all of our committed and dedicated staff for all their hard work throughout the term.

Reminders

- **SAFETY:** In order to keep our roads safe, please can I request parents do not pick up and drop off students in cars at the student gate by Brixham Street and Dockland Street. There is no pavement or pedestrian crossing on one side and the road bends sharply; it is not safe for children to be walking/crossing. If your child cannot travel on public transport to the academy, please could you support us by ensuring you drop them off by Rymill Street/ Pier Road, where they can follow the pedestrian only access route to the gate. Thank you for keeping our students safe.
- **START OF SPRING TERM:** Our first day of Spring Term is **Tuesday 07 January 2020**. We look forward to welcoming back our students and request they arrive by 8:25am.
- **UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE:** Our students continue to look smart and professional; please note the uniform and appearance expectations which appear on our website if purchasing new items of clothing/ uniform over the Christmas break.
- **UPCOMING PARENTS EVENINGS:** We look forward to feeding back on your child's progress at the following parents' evenings early next term: Year 11 Parents' Evening 09 January 2020 and Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evening on 16 January 2020. Parents' of children in those year groups will receive more details in a letter ahead of the date.
- **COFFEE AND CATCH UP WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** Our next "coffee and catch up" with the principal event is scheduled for 13 February 4:45pm - 5:45pm. Our theme for this catch up will be careers advice and guidance - a particularly warm 2020 welcome to parents of Year 8 and Year 9 students, as they begin to think about the subjects they enjoy most and can take to GCSE. Please RSVP to Mrs DuCran, PA to the Principal at anna.ducran@oasissilvertown.org with COFFEE AND CATCH UP in the Subject box.



Lastly, I wish all our students, parents, carers, families and community a restful Christmas Break and a peaceful New Year.

Very best wishes

Johanna Thompson - Principal

Arranging Tuition for your Child

We understand that sometimes parents wish to provide their child with an additional boost by organising a tutor. We strongly recommend that if doing this, parents use a reputable company and check the quality of the sessions provided carefully. If you would like advice on this, please contact a member of the Academy Leadership on 020 7059 2500 or emailing the PA to the Leadership team on anna.ducran@oasissilvertown.org



Dick Whittington – Annual Year 7 Panto

On 29 November 2019, we took Year 7 to see Dick Whittington at Theatre Royal Stratford East.

This is always an exciting and fun cultural experience and gives our youngest students the invaluable experience of being part of a theatre audience. Interestingly, it also gives our students a better insight into Shakespeare's Theatre because many conventions prevalent in Shakespeare's time are still used in the panto!

Staff and students favourite moment was the dancing and singing at the end, which we all joined in with. It's great to have an interactive theatre experience!



Theatre Royal Stratford East – Dick Whittington Panto.

Science Christmas Lecture

20 Year 10 and Year 11 students attended the Imperial College London Children's Christmas lecture on 04

December 2019, which was given by Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut. This gave students experience of a university-style lecture and allowed them to apply their GCSE knowledge to real-life situations. Several of the students said they would like to be an astronaut in the future after the experience.



Our students met with Helen Sharman – First British Astronaut.

Future Frontiers Careers Programme

Over the Autumn term, our Year 10 students visited the offices of Charles Taylor PLC and Grimshaw International architecture firm as part of the Future Frontiers Careers Programme. They had four one-to-one mentoring sessions with City professionals to discuss their future ambitions. Some of our students also had the opportunity to visit Lloyds of London, the historic insurance brokerage famous for its inside-out architecture. This was part of their careers education and will help students to make informed choices in Year 11.



Our Year 10 students on the steps of Lloyds of London.

Kickboxing Classes

All our students are offered the opportunity to attend Kickboxing classes, which are run on Fridays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm by our Dean of Students Mr Barry Hunte. This helps students to promote healthy living, self-awareness and self-discipline of one self.

These classes have been well attended this term. Please encourage your child to come along and join this amazing free opportunity.



The front cover of Giselle's amazing published book, Blitz.

Historical Association

We've had some amazing success in History this term. Maisha Ahmed in Year 8 won Best Character for her short story called 'Jacob' which she entered into the Historical Association's Historical Fiction Competition. She beat over 140 other entries to take the prize. You can read her short story at the website below;



Maisha with the first page of her story 'Jacob'. Read it in its entirety at the website below.

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/531/news/3771/write-your-own-historical-fiction-2019-the-winner>

The Oasis Silvertown Library also now houses a new book called 'Blitz' written by our own Year 10 student, Giselle Fenteng. The book tells the story of a family caught out in the Blitz and their struggle to survive. Giselle wrote the entire book in 3 months and designed the spectacular front cover.

Anti-Bullying Week

For anti-bullying week this year, students discussed what bullying was, where to find help and the importance of not being a bystander.

Each student made a pledge on a tulip and the art club designed and put up a display outside the art room to ensure our academy is a bullying free zone. Nikola (Year 9) came up with the quote, '*Plant kindness in others to grow a garden of positivity*'.

Students and staff also nominated students they thought were anti-bullying champions in our academy, and one student from each house was chosen for helping make our school a great community to be a part of.





Our busy students creating the 'Anti-Bullying Week' display.



'Anti-Bullying Week' display created and designed by Art Club students.

Full Circle – Royal Albert Hall

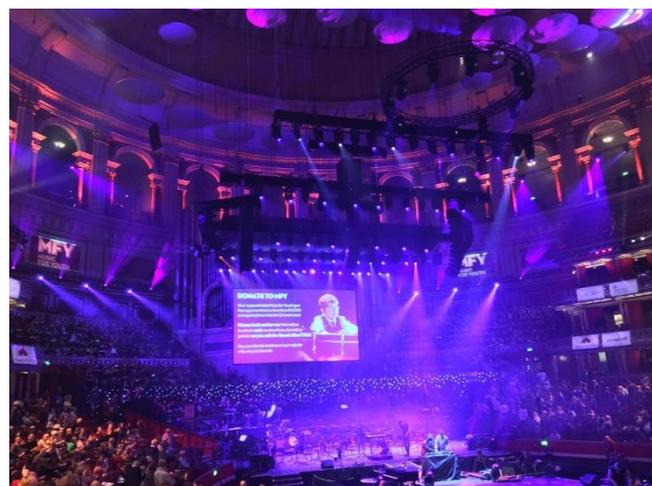
On Tuesday 12 November 2019, 20 Year 7s performed at the Royal Albert Hall alongside 600 other musicians from Newham. Full Circle is a community opera for Newham written by the young people of Newham, inspired by a true story and emphasising inclusion, togetherness and second-chances. The project started in 2018 with just 3 schools which has now grown to 16! The impact of this project has continued to ripple outwards, growing stronger and larger with each performance and new member. So far, it has led to the Royal Albert Hall; who knows where we will go next.

The 20 singers from Silvertown had been rehearsing for two months, including after school rehearsals and even on Saturdays! The day of the performance finally came and everyone was in awe of the amazing building we were in. We were lucky enough to rehearse in the Royal Albert Hall and watch the other acts perform before it was our turn. The performance went

fantastically - it was like a wall of sound expanding across the hall. A truly amazing experience for everyone involved. Well done all!

"It was really amazing, I never expected the hall to be so big and the singing was great" – Felicity

"It was an outstanding experience, the Royal Albert Hall was gorgeous and I felt very proud to be there" – Gabriella



Performing at the Royal Albert Hall, Newham's Community Opera.

Go to the link below to see a video of the performance.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1194353918752567297>

Christmas Lights Switch On

Year 7 singers performed traditional Christmas carols at the square by the library as part of the Christmas lights switch on, on the evening of 28 November 2019. Despite the rain we had a large audience and the pupils had fun. The local organisers were very appreciative and we were all invited to have hot chocolate in the library afterwards. Another great performance from our Year 7 singers.



Britannia Village Carol Concert

Members of the choir from Year 7 and 8 went to Britannia Village Hall on the evening of 12 December 2019 to sing at the carol concert. There were lots of people in the audience and they really enjoyed it. We sang with Britannia Village Primary School and then sang some songs of our own. The crowd's favourite was Jingle Bells.

West Ham Player's Project Trip

Attended by our Student Ambassadors on 06 November 2019. This activity was supported by male and female players and was focused on the theme of poverty. Students were given a box of food that you would typically receive from a food bank. Students had to plan a week's worth of meals for a family of 4. They also had to demonstrate budgeting skills with a total of £5 to spend on extras.

"I really enjoyed today at West Ham and meeting the players" – Frankie

"This is a difficult task. It must be difficult for families to plan meals for the week using just food banks." – Ameira



Hammers stars celebrate Players' Project Anniversary



Student Leadership

Our Student Parliament were elected in September 2019. They completed communication and leadership training to support them in these roles. This term they have focused on making the school more environmentally friendly, by ordering outdoor recycling bins and labels for indoor bins. This is to ensure that it is clear which bins are for recycling and to motivate students to recycle at home.

They have also focused on showcasing student work and decorating the second building, by displaying student's artwork. They helped to run the mock election by supervising the voting and counting votes. They have also conducted student surveys in order to get opinions from the students, so that they can represent them in Student Parliament meetings.

Our student ambassadors are in attendance at our academy events, music showcases, parents evenings and open days.

Prefects/Head Boy & Girl continue to support students during break times with duties and being available for other students to speak with.

They promote leadership in the academy by completing Student Leadership displays. More recently we have appointed Sports Captains and House Captains.



Student Parliament Prime Minister – Dhillon Bolina Year 9 (L) and Deputy Prime Minister – Mohamed Ibrahim Year 7 (R).

Learning Languages at Oasis Academy Silvertown

At the Languages department, we are very proud of all our students and the work they have done on their French or German this term. At Oasis Silvertown, we aim for all students to be fluent in the language they are learning by the end of year 11. This takes considerable resilience and a great deal of knowledge of vocabulary but we know that our students are up to the challenge!

It is vital that all students spend ten minutes every day using their Knowledge Organiser and Home Learning Book to Cover, Write, Check, Correct or self quiz on their vocabulary for the week. This is always set on Show My Homework and tested in class. We expect all of our students to score over 80% on these tests. You can support your child in this by reminding them to do their ten minutes every day and by testing them on their words.



Languages Week

From 23 to 27 September 2019 we celebrated Languages week at Oasis Academy Silvertown. We are so fortunate to live in such a diverse community with so many different languages spoken in our academy. Students spent their PSHE lessons finding out how many languages were spoken by their learning coaching group. Well done to Nightingale B winning one hundred merits for being able to write the word 'hello' in the most languages! Some students took part in a translation competition at lunchtime where they learnt some of the skills required to be a professional translator. All students also learnt the best techniques for memorising vocabulary. In order to be successful at GCSE Languages, it is vital that all students at the academy spend 10 minutes per day with their Knowledge Organiser learning their vocabulary. As a parent, ask your child what vocabulary they need to learn for the week or check it on Show My Homework if they are not sure. It will always be a list from their Knowledge Organiser. You could help them learn by quizzing them on the words or you could even learn their language with them!



Parents & Students Christmas Craft Workshop

Parents, teachers, students were involved in a Christmas card making event on the 09 of December 2019. We had a great turn out and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. This event was aimed at getting everyone together before Christmas to share Christmas cheer and to build bonds of friendship amongst the teachers, parents and students.

These events are run half termly and we will be holding a drama and kick boxing event for everyone in the new year! This is your opportunity to come and have a chat with our Attendance/Admissions Officer, Ms Perry, regarding any worries or concerns you may have and also to have some fun at school with your child. We look forward to seeing many more parents at our next parents and students event. Details to follow, nearer the event. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.



'Christmas Creations' from our wonderful students and parents.



'Totally engrossed' - Our Christmas Craft workshop in full swing.



Students and parents, making Christmas cards together, in our Main Hall.

Costume Design Enrichment

Year 8 and Year 9 costume design enrichment students visited the London Coliseum in November to see the Opera, *Orphée*. After the performance, students were given a tour back stage and got to visit the costume department where all the elaborate costumes were being made.



Opera production – *Orphée*, which our Year 7 and 8 students went to see in November.



Year 8 and 9 students in Trafalgar Square near the London Coliseum.

Sea Life Aquarium Trip

In November, GCSE Year 10 students went to the Sea Life Aquarium in London as they have been studying the theme of the Ocean Environment in class this term.

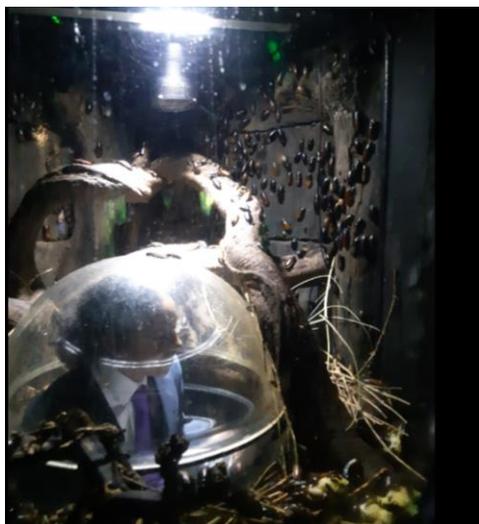
Students were able to interact with some of the sea life creatures. Students drew sketches of the sea creatures and added it to their portfolio book work.



Year 10 students enjoying the Coral Kingdom exhibition inside the Sea Life Aquarium.



Year 10 students relaxing outside the Aquarium.

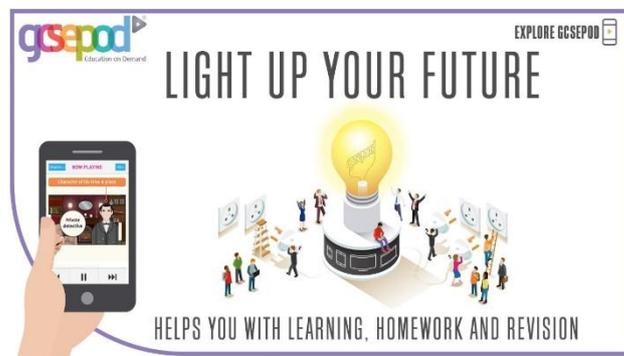


Year 11 student braving the 'creepy crawlies'.

Independent Learning

All students in the academy have been working on their independent study skills this term. All students received an A4 ring binder at the start of the year that contained all their Knowledge Organisers in all their subjects for the year. Knowledge Organisers are a summary of all the key knowledge that students need to know in a particular subject. Students have been using these in lessons, for home learning tasks and also for independent revision in the lead up to their first assessments this term. All students also have access to GCSEpod- a website with short podcasts that cover many topics from GCSE subjects. Students in KS3 can use these to challenge themselves beyond the KS3 curriculum and GCSE students can use them as independent revision for their GCSE subjects.

Students just need to sign up at www.gcsepod.com. All students and parents also have access to showmyhomework, where all home learning tasks are written. Please contact the school if you need a reminder of your PIN.



Year 9 Outward Bound Residential Trip

During the October half term, (Monday 21 – Friday 25 October 2019) Mr Simons and Ms Ayinde took 12 Year 9 students on a one week residential to the Outward Bound Trust Centre in Aberdovey, North Wales. The students were put through a range of challenging tasks, where they demonstrated resilience throughout the whole week. The highlight of the week was the overnight camping experience where students walked up part of Snowdonia National Park and then set up base camp and experienced an overnight camp and stay, including eating dinner surrounded by the Welsh wilderness!



The first night, ready to go gauging at the centre.



(Left) Liky and Nicola cutting some wood for the fire in the cabin. (Right) Samuel climbing up the wall.



(Left) Yasin, Nicola and Polina reading a map with the group leader to guide us to our cabin. (Right) In the middle of Gair Forest, on the way to the cabin.



(Left) The final night, a campfire at the beach. (Right) The group laying on the jetty motivating one another, Andi jumping into the sea.



Year 7 Residential Trip

Our Year 7 residential trip took place on 09 -11 October 2019 with 9 teachers joining them. They visited Kingswood Activity Centre in Ashford, Kent, to take part in a range of fun activities to bond as a year group. It was a great opportunity for students to get to know each other, make friends, learn more about the Oasis Academy Silvertown way and meet key staff. Students stayed overnight and took part in a range of fun and exciting activities such as a night walk, jungle vines, crate stacking and a scrapheap challenge. This tested students team work and communication skills.

Church Visit



Ascension Church, Victoria Dock built in 1887.

Year 10 RE students visited Ascension Church on Monday 09 December 2019 in order to see Christian practices in action.

Mock Elections

To help our students to understand the political system in the UK and to ensure all students become active members of society, we held mock elections on Thursday 12 December 2019 (in line with the country's General Election). The whole school took part and learned about each of the political party's manifestos in PSHE sessions. Thank you to our Student Parliament for supporting the vote count.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

Silvertown's first ever Year 10 GCSE drama class took to the stage to perform their production of Othello on 28 October 2019 at the Greenwich Theatre. The cast were highly praised for their professional performance with excellent ensemble work and stand out performances from Othello and Desdemona.

The same GCSE class attended their first theatre trip at the Old Vic Theatre to see a performance of a 'Very Expensive Poison'. This was their first visit to the theatre as part of the Old Vic Schools Club. The students are really excited to have been accepted onto this programme and next term will look forward to two more performances and theatre workshops from actors.



SJ, Lais, Davina and Millie D.



(L-R) SJ, Ricardo and Anton in the opening soundscape.



Davina and Ricardo as Desdemona and Othello.



(Top L) Gbolahan as Iago; (Top R) Michael as Cassio; (Bottom L) Raekwon as The Duke; (Bottom R) Samir as Montano.



Lais and Davina as Emilia and Desdemona.



Rafi and Gbolahan as Roderigo and Iago

STEMette Trip

Students spoke to a number of different professionals in STEM careers, including professional hackers who work for GCHQ, product designers and women whose research has had far reaching impact in their fields.

The purpose of the trip was to encourage young girls to pursue STEM careers. Every person our students spoke to were incredibly impressed by their professionalism and insightful responses, so much so that one of the panellists wanted to find out if they had any other events they could invite us to because they were so keen to have us back!



Our future inspirational career women contemplating their futures.



Our 'stemettes' showing their funny side.

Healthy Living Enrichment Day

On Monday 14 October 2019 the whole school took part in the annual Healthy Living Day, where we encouraged and promoted all students to take part in a sporting activity to promote healthy living. Activities included yoga, futsal, trampolining, boxing, swimming, tag rugby, athletics, netball, kick boxing, road running and girls football with the West Ham United Foundation. Our Year 11s also had a fantastic day where they were able to travel up to Central London and visit some of the famous landmarks whilst walking around.



Students in the hall watching a presentation on Healthy Living



Year 11 pupils on the clipper, traveling to Central London.

Year 11 – Cultural Walking Trip to Central London

For this half term's enrichment day our Year 11 students were taken on a riverboat ride down the Thames into Central London for a day of walking, team building and sight-seeing.



Year 11 pupils in Central London on their walking sightseeing tour.



Year 11 students alongside the Thames with the Shard in the background.

KS4 Badminton Competition

On Thursday 05 December 2019, 5 Year 10 students attended the Newham Badminton competition and competed against local secondary schools.



Our very own OAS Badminton Team doing us all proud!

The team came 3rd overall and demonstrated professionalism throughout the whole competition along with great sportsmanship. Well done and we look forward to having more teams enter the competition next year!

Girls Network

We have 14 students taking part in 'Girls Network'. The programme believes that one-to-one mentoring shows that conversations and personal relationships have a big impact on challenging stereotypes and expectations.

Our students attended BlackRock in London, the European headquarters for this global investment management organisation, for a special launch event where they were introduced to their professional mentors.



Our girls meeting their mentors.



The 'Girls Network' mentors being interviewed by our girls.

Keeping Children Safe in Education – Update

From our Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Gill



At Oasis Academy Silvertown we are committed to keeping all our children safe. This KCSE policy was updated on 01 September 2019 and we have provided the main updates to this policy below.

Three Safeguarding Partners

Police
Health
Social care

Upskirting: This is now a criminal offence and should be reported to the police. Upskirting is taking photographs under a person's clothing for either sexual gratification or humiliation. Any suspicion of peer on peer abuse should be reported to the DSL.

Serious Violence: This refers to gang related violence and staff should be aware of possible indicators that a child may be involved in serious crime (County Lines)

- Absence from school
- Injuries / changes in well being
- Unexplained gifts
- Changes in behaviour / gang related talk

Peer on Peer Abuse: There are four key definitions of peer-on-peer abuse:

- **Domestic abuse** – young people who experience physical, emotional, sexual and/or financial abuse, and coercive control, in their intimate relationships, as well as family relationships.
- **Child sexual exploitation** – those under the age of 18 who are sexually abused in the context of exploitative relationships, contexts and situations, by a person of any age, including another young person.

- **Serious youth violence** – any offence of most serious violence or weapon-enabled crime, where the victim is aged 19 or younger, e.g. wounding with intent, rape, murder and grievous bodily harm.
- **Abuse** - Rates of violence are higher for girls in England than in any other country.

1 in 3 girls have experienced sexual violence from a partner before they turn 18 years old.

4 in 10 teenage girls have experienced sexual coercion when they have been aged between 13 and 17 years.

One in five girls in England have suffered physical violence from their boyfriend. - 48 percent of girls have experienced instances of emotional and online abuse from their partners.

Young people have reported that physical, sexual and emotional abusing, as well as being abused by their peers, is a means of survival in gang affected neighbourhoods.

Two thirds of contact sexual abuse experienced by children under the age of 17 was perpetrated by someone under 18 years old. Almost a third of girls aged between 16 and 18 years old have been subjected to unwanted sexual touching in UK schools. Incidents of Peer on Peer abuse are becoming more frequent. If you believe someone has disclosed an incident of Peer on Peer abuse please refer the matter to the Safeguarding Team immediately through the appropriate channels.

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.

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