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Winter 2020



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Principal's Message

Oasis Academy Silvertown Winter Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to welcome all students back to the academy in September after the lockdown period. We are so proud of how quickly our students have settled back into their learning and our academy routines. Until very recently, we thankfully experienced minimal disruption to the education of our students through Covid-19. Even in these challenging times, we remain committed to our mission "Ready for University Ready to Lead" and ensuring our students are well cared for in our Silvertown family. We have particularly enjoyed welcoming our Year 7s into the academy. They have quickly settled in and we are proud of all they have achieved in their first term at Oasis Silvertown.

Highlights

- Work is well underway for our permanent build and we receive monthly updates from the oasis project team and the building contractor, Morgan Sindall Construction. The building is due to be completed in early Spring 2022. You can read more about how our students have been benefitting from this partnership with Morgan Sindall later in this newsletter. You can read more about our permanent build here: <https://www.oasisacademysilvertown.org/about-us/our-future-home>
- Our Year 11 cohort have the highest attendance at the academy and have been so resilient and committed to their learning. Almost 100% of the year group attended Summer School for a whole week in July, as well as revision classes in October half term. We are proud of how hard they have worked in their recent assessments and look forward to seeing all they will achieve in their final year with us.

A portrait of a young woman with long brown hair tied in a bun, wearing a white school uniform with blue piping, looking off to the side with a slight smile.

We are proud
to be an Ofsted rated
Good Academy
with **Outstanding**
Features

'The school is expertly led by
the principal and supported
by the trust.'
(Ofsted 2017)

The Oasis Academy Silvertown logo, featuring the word 'Oasis' in a white circle and 'Academy Silvertown' in white text on a purple and blue background.

- We have appointed student leaders across all year groups at the academy. Our Year 11 Head Prefect speeches and school vote were a real highlight of the term. We have also enjoyed seeing our Student Parliament form and meet together to develop the academy further for its students. If you walk round the academy, you will see our classroom community ambassadors busy in classroom, break and lunch duty. Every student from the moment they enter the academy, is encouraged to lead and it is great to see leadership at Oasis Silvertown continue to go from strength to strength.
- Our academy continues to be a beacon of excellence for music and performance. We were delighted for our academy to be featured in the National Oasis Online Training day in November. Our students helped to produce and direct a video about the music curriculum at Silvertown. This was enjoyed by thousands of employees across the trust. Such is our commitment to the arts, despite social distancing and “year group bubbles”, our students have enjoyed an online music or drama performance by our own students every week in assembly.
- Student Mental Health has never been more important. We held a virtual “Coffee and Catch up with the Principal” session this term focusing on mental health and online safety. This was well attended and Mr Moses, Dean of Students and Mrs Gill, Designated Safeguarding Lead both gave informative presentations and answered questions from parents.

Reminders

- Please refer to the letter I sent out on Friday 18 December 2020 with arrangements for the first day of the Spring Term. For Year 11, this is Tuesday 05 January 2021. Year 7-10 will learn remotely from 05-08 January and their first day back will be Monday 11 January. The letter also contains details about how to notify us of positive Covid-19 cases of students over the holiday period. Please check the letter carefully.
- Our students continue to look smart and professional; when purchasing items over the holiday, please note the uniform expectations which appear on our website here:

<https://www.oasisacademysilvertown.org/academy-life/uniform>

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the academy and to wish you and your family a restful Christmas holiday and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes

Johanna Thompson
Principal



A Message from our OAS Hub Council Chair – Dave Mann

This year probably the most important of our 'Five Bs' is Be RESILIENT. The pandemic and disruption of your lives and education is a unique challenge to your generation. It's tough and unfair but it's your choice as to how you respond. As part of the Oasis family we are passionate about helping you to thrive, even in the most difficult of times. Our world desperately needs you to challenge injustice and inequality and to believe that you can bring hope to our planet and people in Silvertown, London and across the globe.

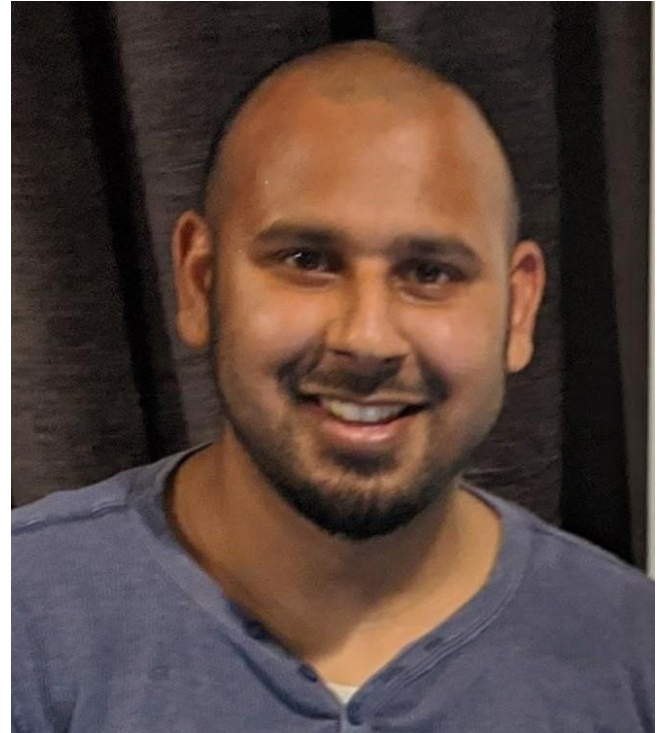
Study isn't about passing exams, it's about becoming the best you can be so you can make the difference in the world we all want to see. Christmas is a time when we celebrate light breaking through darkness and small things (like a baby born in a stable) bringing hope and changing the course of history.

I wish you and your families that sense of hope and resilience this Christmas. We're looking forward to working with you in the coming year to lay the foundations of extraordinary vision, extraordinary achievement and extraordinary transformation through your lives in the years to come.



Dave Mann – Oasis Academy Silvertown Hub Council Chair

Interview with Donald Fernandes – Hub Council Member



Donald Fernandes – Oasis Academy Silvertown Hub Council Member

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I'm Donald, although some of you may remember me as Mr Fernandes. I am a local resident of Britannia Village and one of the leaders of the local church and, outside of that, I'm a private tutor and a stay-at-home father. I first joined Oasis in its second year as a Learning Support Assistant and then later became a trainee Maths teacher there. Even though I no longer work there, I have remained a good friend to the school, providing whatever help I can offer.

You have been part of the life of the academy for some time before becoming a Hub Councillor. What have been the highlights of the academy's journey?

There are many highlights in Oasis Silvertown's journey, it's hard to whittle it down to a few. The first would have to be the day it opened. I remember as a church we prayed relentlessly for a secondary school to be approved on this side of the dock and it took a while but eventually it came. Another highlight was when we transitioned from Britannia Village to Rymill Street. Within a week we had an Ofsted inspection and they confirmed what I already believed about the school, that it was good leaning towards outstanding. It is also hard to talk about highlights without



mentioning the first cohort's grades, they achieved what they deserved, and the school showed that it could provide a good education. Outside of academic achievements, a personal highlight for me there, was seeing the children engage in the community around them, recognising the bigger world. I remember taking a group of students to the Excel to cook and they were given the opportunity to make and sell burritos at a convention. It was amazing to see how well they communicated with and presented themselves to people they'd never seen before, they managed to sell ALL of their burritos, even the veggie ones!

Why did you decide to become a Hub Councillor, and what do you enjoy most about the role?

Leaving the school wasn't easy as I genuinely love Oasis Silvertown. I always wanted to remain close to the school but also have time to pursue other things which would enable me to meet other members of my community. I was excited to be given the opportunity to join the hub council for the school as it felt like both of my worlds joining together. I think it's very important that we have a school that provides a good academic education and at the same time is engaged in the local community. After all, education is one aspect of a child's life and if we really are going to make a change for the students, we have to look at the other aspects of a child's life, things like healthcare, leisure activities, their home and the wider community.

What makes Oasis Silvertown special?

Hopefully after reading my answers, you can see why Oasis Silvertown is special. It is an answer to prayer, it is a safe place to receive a great education, the school cares for the children beyond the front gate and it's helping to make my community a place for families to stay and call home.



Partnership with Morgan Sindall, Contractor for our Permanent Build

We have formed a strong partnership with Morgan Sindall, the contractors on our permanent build. On Friday 04 December, we welcomed Sam and Hannah from Morgan Sindall who brought with them gift donations for our termly "merit shop" and awards assemblies. Our Year 8 students made speeches of thanks for the incredible gifts we received including books and book vouchers, art sets, footballs and stationery. Our students can use the merits they have earned to purchase gifts at the end of every term. Morgan Sindall's generosity means that this academic year our students will have incredible rewards for their efforts.

We look forward to working in partnership with Morgan Sindall over the next year, with exciting careers events planned, as well as an art display in the local community and a visit to the site. You can find out more and meet members of the Morgan Sindall project team later in this newsletter in our short interview piece.



Year 8 Student Leaders meet with leaders from Morgan Sindall to receive gift donations for our student awards



Current pictures of our permanent building being constructed by Morgan Sindall





Morgan Sindall - Site Team Interviews



Sam Kemp - Project Manager

I love the diversity that my job brings. From interacting with different people to finding ways to overcome construction issues, no two days are ever the same and every day brings new and exciting challenges.

We are looking forward to working with the Academy to ensure that we not only provide the best possible learning and teaching facilities but also enjoy the journey with the school throughout the construction phase.



Liam Holmes - Senior Site Manager

I enjoy working with a diverse group of people that all bring different skills and working within a team of like minded individuals to ensure a successful project. Transforming an area of land into a new, sparkling building is most satisfying.

I am looking forward to seeing the pupils and staff reaction throughout the construction phase and through to completion when they will have the opportunity to use their new facilities.



Ben Pearse - Site Manager

The most enjoyable thing about my role is that every day is different. It is an exciting everchanging environment. Additionally, it is extremely satisfying to be involved with a project from start to finish and watch

the project go from an empty site to a fully finished building that will make a difference to people's lives.

I am looking forward to attending an assembly in the coming months and giving the opportunity for the students to learn about construction and the project.



David Naughton - Graduate Quantity Surveyor

The thing I enjoy most about my job is being on a live construction site and having to deal with a range of individuals. The site is constantly progressing which means I am always dealing with new sub-contractors. No two days are the same and new and interesting things happen each and every week.

I am most looking forward showing a few of the pupils around the construction site and informing them how a live construction site operates. This will be the school's new home and those who are lucky enough will be able to see it being built up close.



Anti-Bullying Week 2020



We were delighted to have parents join our online Anti-bullying and Mental Health event held during this term between 16 – 20 November 2020.

We talked about looking out for our children online and combatting the bullying that might take place online. Sharing photos, posting comments, playing video games -- these are just a few of the ways that young people interact online, but sometimes there are risks. We looked and discussed how we can keep our young people safe while they still enjoy their online lifestyle.

Keeping children and young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online. We have enclosed some ideas for screen time and sites you can visit to learn more about the online world.

Advice.. Help.. Report..



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Year 11s Learning and top tips for GCSE preparations

Year 11 completed their first set of mock exams this term. Some of them share their learning and top tips for exam preparation here!

Giselle: When I hear about mocks I always get nervous, but when you do them, you realise that you are more than ready, more than capable. It's just important to revise and to do your best - then you can be confident in yourself.



Giselle Year 11 – “It’s just important to revise and to do your best”



Daniela Year 11 Deputy Head Prefect – “not to take mocks as a joke”

Daniela (Deputy Head Prefect): In the moment, the mocks were stressful but it was a relief when they were over knowing that you did as best as you could have done. My tip for the younger students is not to take mocks as a joke! Prepare for them carefully as you can learn a lot from them about how to revise and how to manage your time!



Hawi Year 11 – “make sure that they revise everything”

Hawi: The mocks were hard but gave us a taste of how the real exams will be. They are useful in helping us to understand what we do and don’t know. I would advise the younger students to make sure that they revise everything, not just the topics that they find easier. When you get to the exams you realise that everything matters!

Aaliyah: This term I have realised that you are not going to get the grades that you want without making the effort to do so. Don’t think of your grades as a failure or a success but rather a stepping stone to your final results. You can never start revision too early!



Rameez Year 11 – “Put in time every day for your revision”

Rameez: Put in time every day for your revision. I do 1 1/2 hours every day. As long as you create a timetable

and work every day on all of your subjects, including those that you don't like, then you will be prepared.



Art Community Project

This half term Year 7 students have had the exciting opportunity to collaborate with Year 5 students from Britannia Village Primary School to create a mural to be placed at the site of the new school building. Our Year 7 students jumped at this special opportunity to have the school's values of the 9 Habit's displayed to the wider community. They have been working during two lunch times per week to complete their designs inspired by the street artist Rob Lowe's (street name: Supermundane) mural created for London Mural Festival outside Westfield Stratford last month. Watch this space!

Art Competition

This year the theme for the Art Competition was 'Black Lives Matter'. The Art department was inundated with entries from each year group, with our enthusiastic Year 7s making up the most entries. Students have explored a variety of mediums from graphite pencil, felt tip, textiles to digital art. We are extremely proud of our students' professionalism and eagerness to raise awareness of issues affecting our community and the wider world.

Below is a random selection of the entries. We are holding a virtual exhibition this year during Coaching Group. Students will be voting for their favourites this week with winning entries being announced when we return in January.



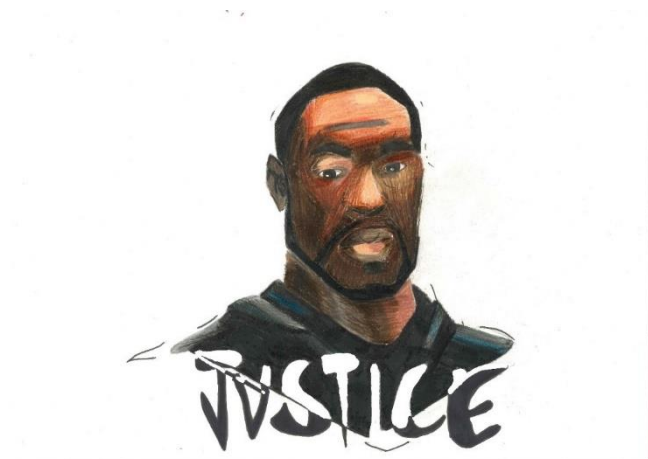
Created by Raquel - Year 7



Created by Clayton - Year 8



Created by Liza Mar - Year 9



Created by Zuzanna - Year 10



Created by Haliyat - Year 11



Year 7 student artwork featured on TV

A group of 10 Year 7 students took part in a special project run by the English National Opera (ENO) to create photographic portraits of themselves. These photos would be used to create seat covers to fill empty seats in the London Coliseum theatre during socially distanced performances.

However when the second lockdown began these plans changed. Instead, all the seats were filled with pictures of Year 7s from across the country and the performance was recorded and broadcast on BB2 on 14 November at 7pm. 5 of our students pictures were visible during the performance. It was very exciting for our students to see themselves represented on TV in one of London's biggest theatres.

The performance is still available on BBC iPlayer; Mozart's Requiem form ENO.

Pictured below: Our talented Year 7s: Ruby-Lea, Magdah, Alfie, Kavaé and Dominykas



Drama Department: Taming of the Shrew

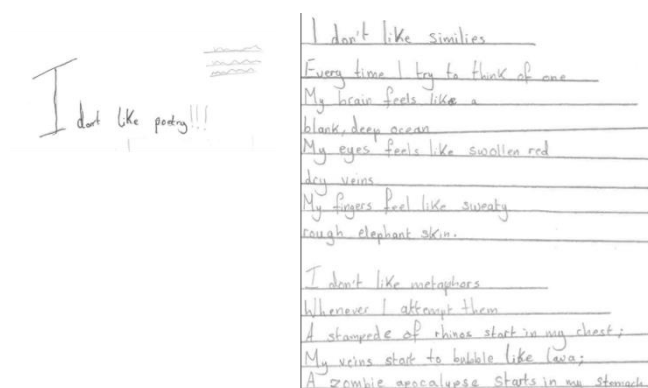
Well done to our outstanding year 10 drama class who successfully performed and recorded their version of "Taming of the Shrew" this term for the Shakespeare's schools competition which the drama department enters every year.

The whole school were treated to watching the video of their performance in December and were blown away by the performances of this challenging comedy. Students were able to balance comedic acting whilst treating sensitive proto-feminist issues with thoughtful sympathy. Congratulations to the class who would all

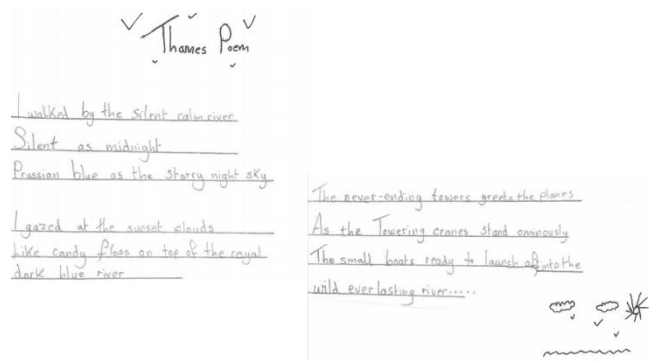
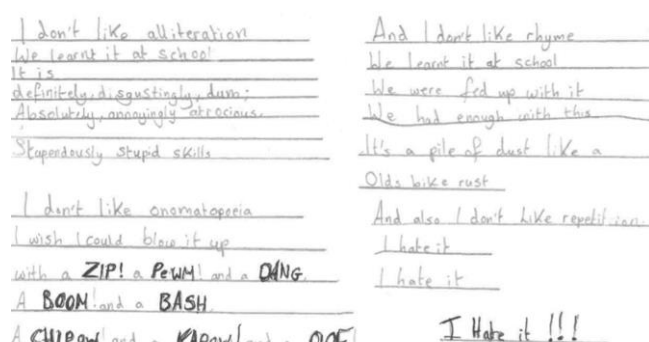
like to thank their drama teacher Ms Jeanpierre for her direction and excellent film-making skills.



sensory experience. Well Done Insha; we are all so proud of you!



Entries by Insha – Year 7



English Department National Poetry Competition Winner!

This term we entered into the Oasis Community Learning National Poetry Competition and won! Our winning entries both came from Insha in Year 7 who went on to entertain the whole school by reading out her poem, ironically titled, *I don't like poetry*. We hope you enjoy reading her poems. The English teachers loved how she used irony and humour to entertain the reader yet at the same time applied beautiful evocative imagery in other stanzas to immerse the reader into a



History this Autumn

....has featured students wrestling with different interpretations of history as well as constructing their own.

Year 7 concluded their quest to establish who the man buried near Stonehenge was, using the evidential record from one of Britain's richest Bronze Age burials to establish what the man might have done for a living, where he came from and when he lived; weighing up which of their inferences they thought was the most likely.

Year 8 have delved into competing interpretations of the British Empire to endeavour to understand why

Niall Ferguson sees it as 'essentially a good thing' whereas Sashi Tharoor has described it as an 'era of darkness', exploring each historians background, education and responses to each other.

Year 9 finished their enquiry into the Jarrow Crusade, trying to establish how significant the march based on its impact at the time and how it affected the future, and what it tells us that many people have factually incorrect memories of the march. They are now exploring how a cartoon map of Europe demonstrates why World War I broke out in 1914.



Cartoon map of Europe demonstrates why World War I broke out in 1914

Year 10 have been investigating the changing nature of crime and punishment from the Year 1000 to present day, from Witchcraft in the Early Modern to the introduction of Hate crimes in the 20th century and the various factors influencing both changes and continuity.

Year 11 have been tackling competing interpretations of Weimar & Nazi Germany, challenging the validity of historian's interpretations using their own knowledge of the Period.



Literacy at Oasis Silvertown

At Silvertown we have been excited to continue our mission to foster a love of reading in every young person, despite all the challenges faced. Literacy is arguably the most important factor to a child's success in school, and therefore we are continuing to invest in our school-wide reading initiative - Reading For Pleasure. Twice a week students read a book together as a class, with each year group having books specifically chosen to enhance their learning.

These books are carefully selected to challenge, provoke and inspire. Books act as both mirrors and windows on the world; it provides an opportunity for us to reflect upon our own lives as well as to understand the lives of others. As a community, we've seen how

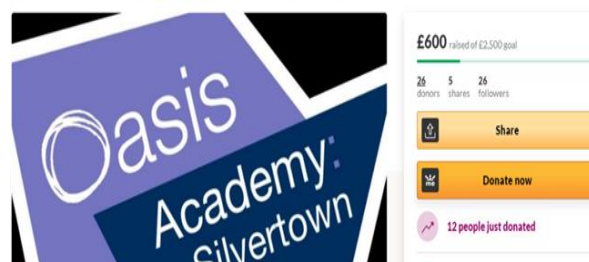
COVID-19 has placed great strain on children and we sought to raise money for diverse literature.

A big thank you to Morgan Sindall Construction who bought a whole class set of *Punching the Air* - a powerful novel about a boy who is wrongfully imprisoned by award-winning, bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam.



We also launched a fundraiser in December which has currently received over £600 in donations - all of which will go towards providing incredible books for our students to read. You can donate by pasting this link into your browser: gf.me/u/za66b2

Diverse books to empower our students



We are committed to empowering our students and are excited to continue pushing literacy forwards in 2021.



MFL department news

It has been a very busy term in the MFL department and we are so incredibly proud of all of the hard work that our students have put in, both in their lessons and learning their vocabulary at home.

In September our school celebrated Languages week. Although we learn French in our Languages lessons it is so important to recognise how multilingual our community is. We did activities in coaching group, learning about each other and the languages we all speak. We reflected on the advantages that speaking different languages gives you in the job market as well as being a better communicator.

We also took part in some competitions - a huge well done to all of the students who took part in our Languages week quiz and once again a special congratulations to our winners - Na'eemah (Year 7), Maya (Year 8), Lemmy (Year 9), Ria (Year 10) and Hope (Year 11). Lots of students also took part in our Duolingo challenge - congratulations to the following students who had the longest streaks – Paul (Year 7), Ayomide (Year 8), Adina (Year 9), Kamile (Year 10) and Lauren (Year 11). The Duolingo app is easy to download, fun to use and great for your French- why not try and get a streak going over the Christmas holidays?

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for your continued support helping your child learn their weekly vocabulary list for their French lesson. It is incredibly helpful to test your child on their vocabulary each week and ensure they can both say and spell the words in French - this will really support with your child's learning.

Merci beaucoup à vous tous et on vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël - Madame Spargo, Madame Tibbatts, Monsieur Lopez et Madame Thompson.



PE Healthy Living Day

This year the Healthy Living Day took place on Thursday 22 October, we were lucky enough to have several outside agencies come in and deliver some great sessions with our students. We had Tag Rugby and Boxing supplied by Active Newham which took place in the playground along with Netball which was run by Miss Ayinde. Students also had the opportunity to complete Yoga sessions, which allowed them to relax and self-reflect on any worries they had. Some groups explored the local community and its surroundings by going for a leisurely walk.

Inside the lunch hall, we had Table Tennis going on where many students had the opportunity to demonstrate existing skills as well as develop more skills in a fun and competitive way.

All students grabbed the opportunity to reflect on mental health and well-being and grasped a better understanding of why mental health is important to us all, but more importantly how we can all help encourage each other to be more healthy and active.



Students enjoying Rugby in the playground



Science department news

The science department have been so happy to see all of our students after returning to school in September, and excited to meet all of our new Year 7s. We are incredibly proud of all the effort our students put into their science work during lockdown and in school this term. We have been so impressed with our students that each week we have sent postcards to praise the students who are going above and beyond with their effort in science lessons. Look out in the post because one might be on its way to your house soon!

We have updated the way we set homework in science, now students complete online quizzes every week. These quizzes can be accessed online via www.educake.co.uk or by downloading the Educake app on a smart phone. It is an exciting resource as once you complete quizzes you can set yourself a quiz on a topic of your choice, or Educake will identify areas you might want to improve on and set a quiz for you!

Our students in all year groups have been working extremely hard on these quizzes at home and we have created leader boards for each year group to reward the students who have answered the most questions. At the end of each half term the 5 students in each year group who have answered the most questions will receive a certificate and badge. The current leaders for each year group are:

Year	Name	Number of questions answered
11	Michelle	2334
10	Laura	624
9	Liza Mar	791
8	Ayomide	1539
7	Madihah	523

Well done to all of those students – this shows the outstanding effort you are putting in at home!

Early next term students will have the opportunity to take part on our STEM enrichment day. In science, we will run some exciting sessions including Forensic science, 'Becoming a doctor', Space discovery and Engineering projects. We can't wait for our students to take part in these exciting activities.

Thank you to all of our students for all of their hard work in science this half term, we have enjoyed teaching you so much. We would also like to thank all parents and carers for all of your support. We wish you all very happy and healthy holidays.

From Miss Davies, Miss Ahmed, Mr Nuwertey and Mr Gordon.



Student Leadership Update

This term has been a really exciting and busy term for student leadership. Despite the many changes, and indeed challenges, that we have faced as a school community, we have remained determined to ensure that opportunities to lead continue to pervade everyday life at the academy. After all, we are committed to ensuring our students are Ready to Lead, regardless of the circumstances!

It has been a pleasure to work with all of our young leaders this term as they have come up with ways to help and improve the school. Students have been determined to contribute new ideas to our community, as well as to help out where they can.

Below we have a word from three of our most senior Student Leaders, who would like to share with you all the great work our students have been getting up to his past term. I hope you enjoy reading what they have to share.

Eri Year 9– Student Prime Minister

"Hello, my name is Eri and I am the Student Parliament Prime Minister this year!"

This year the Year 7s, 8s and 9s pupil parliament leaders have made different contributions to our school. The Year 7s have organised food bank

donations and charity projects. The Year 8s have launched a new leadership position called the 'Well-Being Ambassador'. Lastly, the Mr Burton Award has been introduced by the Year 9s. This is an award that allows pupils to nominate a teacher who they feel has gone above and beyond for them - well done to last week's winners!

Student parliament is really important in school because it gives us students a say in how we learn and how to make our school environment better. I strongly believe this has already been shown in the little changes we have already made this term.

Have a great Christmas from me and the rest of student parliament!"

"Hello! And welcome back to Oasis Academy Silvertown – our inclusive and encouraging school. We are Michael and Lauren - your Head Prefects.

Here at Oasis, we really value student leadership as its one of our many school values, "Ready for university ready to lead". The importance of student leadership is to experience leadership, to learn the art of building teams and achieving together effectively. Therefore, this term we have been very excited to be appointing students into leadership positions. Firstly, our community leaders will be helping with break and lunch time duties around the school, making sure areas are clean and tidy for the rest of the day. Secondly, our Coaching Group Ambassadors have been assisting teachers with organising their coaching room. Thirdly Student Parliament, who come up with ideas to help better the school environment and implementing them. Finally, we have our Year 11 Prefects, who complete duties, mentoring younger students as well as being our general figureheads for students to look up to.

During this half term, our fellow Year 11s have been faced with the challenge of GCSE mock exams. We have taken this opportunity as a great chance to develop and prepare for our real exams commencing in May. The year group has shown great resilience during this stressful period and managed to persevere and hopefully achieve our deserved grades. Without a doubt we will make all our teachers and parents very proud!

There has been a lot of challenges this term, like adjusting to new changes in the school. For example, we all put in 100% effort in our work and making sure we are punctual to school so that we don't miss out on any learning. We have all worked hard as a family to overcome the challenges and new changes. We all understand it is hard to feel settled and relaxed during this difficult time, but we have worked together and created a positive and cheerful atmosphere."



Head Prefects – Lauren and Michael

excited to launch with the hope that our future Wellbeing Ambassadors can lead us into a healthier future!



Maths and Computing news

The Maths department is so excited to see our students return this term. We are also incredibly proud of students' work throughout this term. Our new Year 7s were able to adapt to the department's routines - one is our weekly knowledge quiz and Hegarty Maths homework. We are also happy about one of Hegarty Maths' newest features called MemRi. This feature enables students to do as many Maths questions as they like separate from their weekly homework. Students in Year 7 are especially excited about this feature as they are able to see a weekly leaders board in terms of who is leading in their class. This, of course, motivates students to do a lot of practice at home!

Our Year 11s are also working incredibly hard this term and we also changed how we do homework with them. Each student in year 11 is given an exam practice workbook for Maths depending on their tier. Students complete weekly homework practicing questions from their workbook based on the grade level of each question.

We are also excited to tell you that our Maths department is now Maths and Computing as Computing is reintroduced to all students. Students in KS3 are given the opportunity to do an entire term of Computing to develop their basic IT skills as well as expose them to the importance of digital literacy. Computer Science is offered as an option subject at KS4 and we now have over 20 students pursuing this option.

Early next term, we will have our STEM enrichment day where students will be given the opportunity to learn about careers in STEM, do Maths puzzles, and create games through Coding. We can't wait for students to take part in one of these sessions.

Thank you for continuing to support your child while we continue to give them the best possible education for them to reach their future goals.

We wish you a happy holiday!

From the team, Mrs Grant-Nembhard, Dr Gill, Ms Omar and Mr Rowe.



Message from our Dean of Students

At Oasis Academy Silvertown we are on a long journey towards ensuring we have a 'Mentally Healthy School' and that students feel open and comfortable when speaking with peers and staff about how they feel. This year we were able to launch our 'Worry Boxes' around the school. The Worry Boxes give students the opportunity to put their worry on a slip of paper so an adult can arrange a time with them to speak about it. We've even seen students encouraging others to use the worry box!

All of the students at Oasis have remained so resilient so this year. Weekly the students and staff get to hear about some of the most amazing and generous things they have done for each other across the week. Recognising the small things and praising students for doing the right thing even when nobody is watching has definitely been a huge highlight of the year and a testament to our students in these difficult times.

In January we will be launching our 'Wellbeing Ambassadors' who will be the first Wellbeing Ambassadors Oasis Academy Silvertown has ever had! These students will receive training on how to help their peers with their problems and they will also be given special jobs to help improve the wellbeing of the academy. It's a fantastic opportunity that we are really

Year 10s - What have you been learning this term?

Our Year 10s want to let you know what they have been learning about this term!



Zuzanna: I have enjoyed reading Jekyll and Hyde in English. It was very interesting learning about the duplicitous nature of humanity - the two sides of every human. That we have good and evil in us.



Kata: I have been very interested in learning about modern day punishments in history, especially when I found out that the death penalty was last used in 1965 in England to kill a man called Derek Bentley.



David: I have really enjoyed music this term because I play different types of music on the piano and I performed in assembly. I was really nervous at first but my teacher helped me to feel more confident and then when I performed it went perfectly which was great!



Deividas: It's been really interesting to learn in computer science this term how society has evolved with new technology over time and how this has impacted all of us. Coding is also very interesting as it is so precise. Even the slightest error could change the entire output of the programme.



Uniform List and Uniform Bank

Our students continue to be immaculately dressed and look smart and professional. You can view our uniform list here:

<https://www.oasisacademysilvertown.org/academy-life/uniform>

A charity in our Academy Community run a free uniform bank. If you have any spare items of uniform, or would like to get some free items of uniform for your child,

please contact Sarah Carter and she will put you in touch, Sarah.Carter@oasissilvertown.org



Websites of interest

Internet matters guide digital diet balancing screen time

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

Newham Family Winter Activities

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/activities-young-people-newham/1>

At Silvertown, we are committed in supporting all of our students and their families during these uncertain and challenging times. If you feel that anyone in your family needs to talk to someone, seek support from a service or find out more details on what is available, we hope the providers listed below will help address your needs.

If you or your family are in immediate danger, please contact the emergency services by dialling 999. If you have an urgent safeguarding concern which *cannot be resolved by using the services listed below* you can contact a member of the safeguarding team during the summer holidays via the **Silvertown safeguarding email: safeguarding@oasisilvertown.org** A member of the Academy Leadership team will respond within 24 hours.

If your concern cannot wait for a response within 24 hours, you can contact Oasis National office 020 7921 4200

Name of the service	What does the service offer?	Contact Details
National Online Safety	A breadth of interactive services, which parents can access to support with parenting, mental health, wellbeing and other useful tips during self-isolation and government guidance. This service also offers an instant messaging app to support you with your questions and queries	Website https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides Telephone 0800 368 8061
Newham Council	Where to find help is set out on the council's website.	Website https://www.newham.gov.uk/ Telephone 0208 430 2000 (Mon-Fri, 8.30-5pm)
Childline	A service which is available for all children to use for support on managing anxiety, domestic abuse, helping a friend, reporting online abuse, depression, boosting your mood and eating habits. This service also has an instant messaging service which is designed to help you navigate you to the right areas and seek the support you need .	Website https://www.childline.org.uk Telephone 0800 1111
Family Lives	Support for parents on mental health, relationships, bullying, development and more. This service offers a phone line service and additional a skype service too. This service is operational between the hours of 9am – 9pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.	Website www.familylives.org.uk Telephone 0808 800 2222 Skype www.skype.com (open Skype Dialler and call 0808 800 2222
Yellow Door	A service, which is available for children to access and gain the support from domestic and sexual abuse. The helplines are open between 12:00 – 3pm Monday – Friday and equally offers a Polish service by calling 02380 636313 within the same timings.	Website https://www.yellowdoor.org.uk Telephone 02380 636313

Simon Says	A service, which is designed to help children and young people affected by bereavement. You can also sign up and follow Simon Says via Facebook.	Website www.simonsays.org.uk Telephone 02380 647550
No Limits	A service offering 1:1 telephone counselling and 1:1 web chats to young people in Southampton	Website https://nolimitshelp.org.uk Telephone 02380 224224
Scams	Please be aware that there are a number of scams at the moment. Please take care.	Government Website https://www.gov.uk/government/news/be-vigilant-against-coronavirus-scams
Headstart	HeadStart Newham is a mental health service improving lives for young people and families in Newham. The service is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and delivered in partnership with The London Borough of Newham.	Website: https://www.headstartnewham.co.uk/ Telephone 020 33739983 E:
Kooth	Kooth, from XenZone, is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of need.	Website: https://www.kooth.com/
Place2Be	Place2Be is a children's mental health charity with over 25 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools. They provide mental health support.	Website: https://www.place2be.org.uk/ Text help to 85258
West Silvertown Foundation	Relieve people in need and hardship Encourage healthy living Advance life-long learning Celebrate the arts and our rich cultural and historic heritage Help to create a vibrant and sustainable social and physical environment	Website: https://wsfroyaldocks.org/
Local Information	Newham has created a database on the OASLinked website where you can search for help, guidance and service. Here, you can find information and support on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food bank • Food parcels • Support services • Helplines • Community based support groups • Debt management 	Website https://www.oasisacademysilvertown.org/uploaded/Silvertown/Academy_Life/Safeguarding/Covid_19/Support_for_Newham_Families.pdf