

Wishing you and
your family
a joyful
Christmas.



Image by Amber Taylor, Year 8

The Best Christmas present ever!

Message from David Millar, Principal

On Wednesday 23rd November 2011, Lord Andrew Adonis and his Worship the Mayor of Croydon officially opened our new Oasis Academy Coulsdon. Lord Adonis unwrapped a plaque commemorating the occasion, and the Mayor, Mayoress, our Founder Steve Chalke and I pulled the ribbon off the best present anyone could ever want!



We were thrilled to welcome so many local residents and members of the community into our new building during the morning and our Sixth Form were delighted to give them a tour and tell them about the facilities.

Award-winning contractors Wilmott Dixon started work on the £18.7m redevelopment programme of buildings and facilities just eighteen months ago and have helped us transform our original 1960s school into an outstanding centre of learning and transformation for all of us and the community.

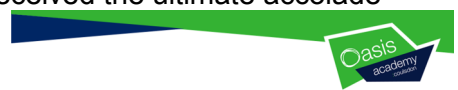
This is one of the proudest moments we have had as an Academy Family and the culmination of so much hard work by so many people. Our Academy has been lovingly designed to help us achieve our Mission and Vision of being truly outstanding. We have all come so far in three years, with massively improved standards, behaviour and attendance, examination results and a Good Ofsted. As a committed staff we continually ask ourselves 'Is this good enough for our own children', and now, in terms of the facilities and opportunities we have, we can confidently say it is. We are very blessed and very thankful.



I want everyone to acknowledge how hard all the staff in particular have worked to bring this project to reality without ever taking a backwards step. Despite the obvious disruption no one has ever complained, remaining committed to doing whatever it takes to give all the students the very best.

When Ofsted came in February and validated our efforts, staff received the ultimate accolade when students told the Inspectors that '*staff never give up on us*'. And we truly never will. We are a Family here, and families stick together and support each other. Together, we will achieve our mission to become outstanding and a centre of excellence.

So for the last few years the building was our future, the old buildings, expectations and ways were our past. Now we must embrace the present, the fantastic platform we have been given and push on to do our very best to be our very best, now and every day.



"The new building has been an amazing example of co-operation, teamwork and support. In the short space of time that I have been here the Academy's physical appearance has moved from what looked like a building site to a work of art."

Reflections on the new build by students and staff

Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is mystery, Today...is a gift!

That's why it's called the present.

Master Oogway from Kung Fu Panda

To everyone in our Academy and wider family, I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a Happy and an Outstanding New Year!



Christmas Fair: we were absolutely amazed at the success of our first ever Christmas Fair! The Fair was opened by The Mayor of Croydon and our very own Jessica Hann as the voice of Evie from the hit series Mike the Knight. Literally HUNDREDS of you thronged across the Plaza to be enchanted by Coulsdon C. of E. School ringing hand chimes, captivated by Drolet Dance and their ballroom dancing, mesmerised by the Zodiac gymnasts, and soulfully entertained by Brian Martin & Worship 4 Life. The Buggy Malone Cast enthralled us with their acting and singing as did a solo performance from the Academy Choir. We hosted amazing stalls including magical face painting, a cupcake competition, crafts, Academy tombolas and gifts, and of course the BIG MAN himself was there – Santa (not Mr. Millar!) in his Grotto with the elves. All the Academy Families were represented as were the 6th Form who worked up a sweat in the Sports Hall with tournaments. It was an amazing day and a real testament to what we can achieve when we all work together. We were blessed with the donation of a Doll's House from Natasha Stear which sold on a table top auction for £100; this helped us to raise a whopping **£1900!!!** WOW! We would like to thank our sponsors for the Fair: Pulsar Print Management Limited, Bidwells Estate Agents, and Stagecoach Coulsdon & Caterham for their time and resources – THANKS!



SEWING CLASSES

Thursday January 19th until Thursday March 1st

08.45 am – 10.00am

These classes are for Parents/Carers and members of the local community.

There will be a cost of £10 towards fabrics and materials.

For further information and to book a place please contact Mrs E Booth

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or telephone 01737 551161

Places are limited so please book early

GRAND OPENING DAY

Wednesday 23 November was a special day at the Academy as we welcomed Lord Adonis, the Mayor, parents and members of the local community to celebrate the official opening of our new building.

