

Weekly Newsletter

6 November 2009

DESIGNERS UNVEIL PLANS FOR £24 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT OF OASIS ACADEMY COULSDON

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, we welcomed visitors to the Academy who had come to view and comment on redevelopment plans which will transform the Academy into a world-class teaching and learning centre. Representatives from Croydon Council's Transforming Croydon Schools (TCS) programme, as well as award-winning architectural



practice Sheppard Robson and building contractor Wilmott Dixon - the highest placed contractor in the Sunday Times Best Green Companies List – were there to explain the proposals, respond to questions and listen to feedback.

If approved, the £24 million redevelopment plans for Oasis Academy Coulsdon would deliver:



State of the art new teaching and learning facilities extensive refurbishment of buildings and amenities not earmarked for replacement
An Environmentally sustainable development, with proposals aiming to secure an 'Excellent' BREEAM rating

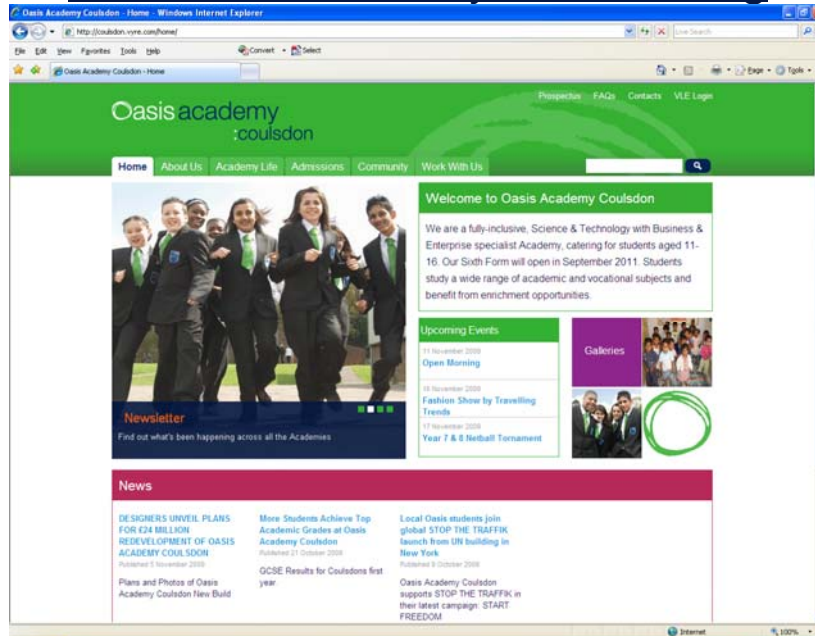
At least 10% of the Academy's energy needs supplied by on-site renewable sources (e.g. solar panels) and with state-of-the-art building design and insulation to minimise energy loss
A roof made of EFTE polymer - the same lightweight, recyclable and resilient material used for the Eden Project biomes in Cornwall and the National Space Centre in Leicester

A new communal atrium at the heart of the Academy - protected by the EFTE roof overhead - which would be used for assemblies, presentations and exhibitions and which would be overlooked by balconies on all four sides of the Academy

Once the plans are finalised towards the end of this year, they will be subject to planning consent before works can begin. If consent is granted, work could begin at the Academy next Spring, and be completed by summer 2011. The development proposals are at the cutting edge of school design and meet the highest standards of environmental sustainability.

New Look Website

www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org



Check out our new look website with all the latest information, photos and news. We are sure you will agree it is already much more 'user-friendly'. More information is being added to the various areas over the next few weeks as more staff are trained so please do keep checking to ensure you receive the latest news.

You will notice that there is an option called 'VLE Login'. This is our Virtual Learning Environment and is currently under construction. This area is where students can log on and complete homework tasks, track their progress and download resources. Parents will also be able to log on and find out their child's current attainment and performance levels, monitor homework, check attendance and punctuality and even find out what their child eats for lunch every day! We anticipate the VLE facility will be available in the Spring Term and we will of course notify you.

Sports Results

Year 11 Basketball

In a thrilling game against Woodcote our Year 11 team were defeated 42-40 with a basket in the dying seconds of the match. Bad luck boys; what a fantastic performance!

Year 7 Football

In an exciting cup match our Year 7 Football team won 2-1 against Harris Academy South Norwood. Great stuff! Mr McKenzie would also like to congratulate the team on their support for each other and outstanding display of sportsmanship.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th November

Year 11 Applications Day

Year 11 students who have not yet completed their College applications will be meeting with Connexions Advisers on Monday to go discuss and complete their applications.

Thursday 12th November

Friends of Oasis Academy

Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm in the Main Hall

Please come along and support the Friends of Oasis Academy who do so much to raise funds to help our students.

Saturday 14th November

The Praise Factor

2pm Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls

If you have a free afternoon, go along to The Ashcroft Theatre and support two of our students: Jasmin Winifred and Samara Williams who are singing on stage. If they are chosen as one of three finalists they will have the chance to be filmed whilst they perform live on Saturday night with The Sound of the Trumpet Gospel Choir. The winners will be televised on Revelation TV and have their own CD produced. Good luck girls!

Monday 16th November

Travelling Trends Ladies Fashion Show

7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Tickets cost £3.00 available on the door or in advance from Miss Fisk. All the latest Ladies fashion from top High Street stores at discount prices. A great chance to get some Christmas presents.

All monies raised will be donated to our partner school in Bangalore to help buy much needed IT equipment.

Tuesday 17th November

Good Luck!

To Year 7 & 8 Netball teams who are taking part in a tournament in Bromley

Thursday 19th November

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Make an appointment to see your child's subject teachers to discuss progress. It is vital we all work in partnership to support your child and help them succeed in this important year.

