

Weekly Bulletin

20 November 2009

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely proud to launch our new Mission and Vision Statement and our Arcs of Achievement and Inclusion. As Oasis, we are committed to working in partnership with you to educate the 'whole' child and would welcome your involvement in helping us to refine our provision and continue to develop our offer.

We have been through a consultation process over several weeks with all staff, the Student Leadership Team and now all students. The final part of this process for us is to explain to you what we are aiming to achieve through the Arcs, to share our Mission and Vision statement – the reason why we exist and what we aspire to be - and to hear your comments and suggestions on them.

There are now four Arcs to our Circle of Achievement and Inclusion

- **Academic Arc:** Broad and balanced curricular provision
- **Enrichment Arc:** Integrated learning opportunities and planned experiences
- **Service Arc:** Opportunities to Lead, Serve and Host
- **Professional Arc:** Aim Higher, Higher Education, Work Experience, College, Vocational offer

For students this means we expect them to embrace:

- **Academic Arc:** exceeding their potential
- **Enrichment Activity Arc:** playing an active part
- **Service Arc:** taking responsibility, be a host
- **Professional Arc:** being a life-long learner

It is very important to us that we incorporate your views and this will be sought in the following ways:

- 1) Student voice: I have been leading assemblies this week on them and students have been working on the meaning and understanding in Family Mentoring time – they have been asked to bring this discussion home to you
- 2) E-communication: we invite your feedback and contributions via email to: Kelly.jones@oasiscoulsdon.org
- 3) Letters Home: we will be sending home a letter with a reply slip by student post and would ask you to indicate that you have read and understood, are in full agreement and ready to embrace them, or would like a telephone call home to discuss them further.
- 4) Verbal: we have a Parents' Forum on Thursday 10th December at 7pm during which we will show you the full presentation explaining the background and evolution of the Arcs and Mission & Vision Statement.

Arcs of Achievement



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The place where people grow....

Mission & Vision Statement

- We strive for excellence through a holistic educational journey that will transform the lives of every learner and the communities that we serve.
- As an Oasis Academy we will be an outstanding, vibrant learning community that develops the skills required for an ever-changing world and a hunger for life-long learning.
- We are a loving family who has the highest expectations and aspirations for all, working together to overcome barriers to success and fulfilment.
- We celebrate every person as a unique individual. Through our passion, commitment and innovation we nurture, challenge and guide learners to excel in a life of limitless potential.

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The Jam Team

We are delighted to inform you that The Jam Team will be visiting the Academy weekly supporting our students in a variety of ways. The Jame Team is a Christian group based at New Life Christian Centre, Croydon who visit primary and secondary schools in the London Borough of Croydon to take assemblies, RE lessons, PSHE lessons, lunchtime and after school clubs.

The team has been in existence for around ten years and has established strong relationships with the schools. They currently work with fifteen schools in Croydon helping them fulfill their obligations with regards to collective worship and the RE and PHSE curricula. We also help teach positive life principles for young people.

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National Student Conference

Pauline Dennis & David Omonya, Student Leaders from Oasis Academy Coulsdon will join fellow representatives from each of Oasis' 10 other Academies in attending the one-day conference at the House of Commons. The event will look to determine future protocol by which Oasis Student Leaders have an input into a range of important national issues.

Their trip to the capital will see them touring Parliament, meeting with Joan Ryan MP, and discussing how they can become better Student Leaders through sharing best practice from other Oasis Student Leaders; how they can get involved with START FREEDOM (the STOP THE TRAFFIK Campaign¹) and how they can be empowered to influence relevant national agendas.

A full report will be published in our December newsletter.

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The Talk Bus

Mrs Hewett in the WellBeing Centre has arranged for The Talk Bus to visit during the afternoon of Tuesday 24th November. Students will have the opportunity to find out what support services Croydon Drop In Services offer young people: Health, Emotional Support, Physical Activities and keeping safe. All the services provided are free.

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Sports News

Netball

Our team of Year 7 and 8 girls to competed in the inter-Academies cup at Knights Academy this week. Unfortunately they were in the pool with the 3 top teams, but the girls played incredibly well together, and only narrowly lost against far more experienced teams. They drew their last game, which we were all very proud of!

Congratulations to the whole team: Eseosa Omoruiya, Zoe Arnoutis, Sammy Millhouse, Cheyne Reid, Amber Church, Rhainnon Spearing, Shannon Holliday & Shelley Allen. Particular mention must go to Eseosa in Year 7 who played brilliantly, and was recognised by every other coach as being outstanding.... Quite impressive as it was a year 8 tournament!

