

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support during the very difficult weather conditions since we returned from the Christmas holidays.

It was with regret that I made the decision to close the Academy on 6th and 7th January: with no bus service to the Academy and dangerous road conditions, closure was unavoidable. As a father, I fully appreciate the disruption that school closure can cause but as Principal of the Academy, I always have to take into account the health and safety of students and staff. Hopefully we are over the worst with the weather and we will be operating our normal timetable from next week.

Students should of course wear warm outer coats and sensible shoes whilst conditions remain cold and icy but all coats, gloves, hats and scarves must be removed on entering the Academy. We will be vigorously reinforcing our uniform dress code from Monday.

David Millar, Principal

The Jam Team

The weekly Jam Team lunchtime club starts on Thursday 21st January. The Jam Team is a Christian group based at New Life Christian Centre, Croydon, in addition to the lunchtime club they will also be involved in assemblies, RE and PSHE lessons. They also help teach positive life principles for young people

The team has been in existence for around ten years and has established strong relationships with Croydon schools; we are delighted they are able to support our students.

Year 8 Impact Day – Thursday 21st January

As part of our Citizenship Programme for Year 8 students, a day has been organised where outside agencies will be doing a series of workshops in the following areas:

Drug and Alcohol Abuse
The London Fire Brigade
Youth Offenders Team
Anti-gun crime (Metropolitan Police)
Fire Arms Unit (Metropolitan Police)
Sexual Health

A full report will be published in our newsletter

Year 11 Intervention, 3 – 5pm

Until February half term – the Year 11 intervention after school programme is as follows:

Monday	Logic & Global Learning Zone	Priority for the Maths module in March
Tuesday	World Studies Learning Zone	Priority for 67 Geography students in the run up to the DME
Wednesday	Creative & Expressive Arts	
Thursday	Science & Technology	
Friday	English	

Students are provided with a drink and snack during the session.

Snow Clearing

A team of students volunteered to clear snow from local residents' paths this week.

"I want to place on record what a superb job your students did of clearing my pathway of snow yesterday. They took great care and were very industrious and polite. Please thank them for me on a job well done. Hopefully I will now be able to leave my house after being indoors for a week."

Well done Billy Taylor, Monique Lai Fatt, Luke Pantalleresco, Michael Sketchley, Luke Calloway, Rory Fulker, Thomas Lockwood, Cameron Murphy, Jaden Johnson, Jonathon Elliott, Patrice Lawrence and Antroy Lee.



Groups of students also helped our site staff clear the Academy pathways of snow.

Snow Poetry Competition

The snow provided lots of inspiration for Year 7 poets and choosing the winners proved very difficult. Kirsty Bailey and Lauren Hazeldine each won a poetry anthology and some chocolate. Here are their winning entries:

Snow

I looked out the window and all I could see,
A large, soft blanket staring at me.
It fell from the sky in groups of feathers,
It certainly brought the families together.

It softly drifted onto the ground,
Not making a whisper; not even a sound.
It gracefully rested there for days and days,
The children laughed, had fun and played.



White balls were flying all over the place,
Everyone ran at incredible pace.
The man in the middle was frozen still,
The scarf round his neck kept him warm from the chill.

Today, the blanket went away,
I hope it comes back another day.

By Kirsty Bailey



Snow

Snowflakes are falling all around,

I wrap my scarf around my neck,
Then I look out my window and check,
How much snow there is today,
I scream and shout and say "HOORAY."

Once again the snowflakes fall,

I've made a snowball which is great,
But I think it's a bit too late,
I am getting fired at left, right and centre!
I knock on my door and then I enter.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows await,
I wonder what else is on my plate,
Maybe it's a tasty treat,
So delicious and sweet.
Now it's time for my friends and me,
To sit down and watch a DVD.

By Lauren Hazeldine

Sports News

Basketball

Huge congratulations to our Year 7 Basketball team who played their first ever fixture this week. The boys played brilliantly and completely blew away their opponents, Riddlesdown, by 24 - 4 points. It was a great team effort and all the boys hard work and dedication paid off in spectacular fashion.

PE Enrichment

The times for Badminton and Table Tennis PE enrichment activities have changed.

Table tennis will now be held on Tuesday afternoons in the gym, and Badminton will be held on Thursday afternoons in the Sports Hall. We have a Badminton coach coming in to run these sessions on a Thursday, so please make sure you're there to get as many tips as possible!

'Enigma' - 28th and 29th January

Don't miss our annual dance production!

Tickets on sale from Monday 18th January: Adults £3.00. Students £2.00

MARATHON TEAM FUNDRAISING

A series of fundraising events are being held over the coming weeks to help raise funds for our Oasis Marathon Team Runners: John Murphy, Executive Principal & Bob Lund, Site Manager are part of a 15-strong team each running to raise money for Oasis projects across the world.

Hot chocolate & cake sale will be held on Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd at break and lunchtime.

