

Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The end of the academic year is finally upon us, and it has been nothing short of an extraordinary year. Despite the year's challenges there are so many positives to celebrate.

Both staff and students have been resilient throughout, managing so many changes throughout the year. Despite these difficulties students have made really good progress, and this has been really evident throughout their end of year exams. Our Year 10s have been superb during their first set of mocks. In any normal year these are always an enlightening challenge as it is their first experience of a full set of mocks when there is still lots of learning to be done in Year 11. Therefore, to have managed this despite periods of home learning has made us extremely proud of them.

It has been lovely to get to know our Year 7 students this year. It was not going to be easy for them starting secondary school at the time they did, but they have flourished. The staff who went away with them on the residential were blown away by their maturity and kindness.

Our Year 8s have yet to have a full year at secondary school, yet they are becoming such wonderful young people who care deeply about their learning. Our Year 9s are becoming leaders already and it will not be long until they are our prefects, they also have consistently the highest attendance in the school which will undoubtedly put them in good stead for their GCSEs.

I was really pleased that we managed to end the year with a sports day, this event was very welcome, and it was lovely to see students having fun together and enjoying the competition.

The end of the year is always a time to reflect and review and it has been a privilege and pleasure to work alongside all our families. I hope that you have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Best wishes,

Ms C Green
Principal



Message from
Ms C Green, Principal

Inspired by the classic football anthem, Three Lions and the recent Euro 2020 tournament, our amazing Music department have put together this inspired song and video.

We absolutely love seeing so many faces getting involved in this project, and it absolutely makes us #ProudToBeOAC

Click on the image to the right to view the video.

3 STRIPES ON YOUR TIE...



YEAR 11 FAREWELL

We were extremely disappointed to not be able to give out Year 11 students the send off we had hoped to this year. However, although we could not have a Prom, Ms Kavanagh put together a brilliant celebration brunch for the cohort to coincide with their shirt signing morning. There may not have been dancing into the night, but there were still plenty of smiles, laughter and love as we said goodbye to an amazing group of young people.



Good luck to you all in your next steps as you move on to your chosen pathways... and keep in touch!

YEAR 9 UPDATE

What a year it has been, but you have been incredible and I am super proud of you. I know this year has not been easy, it has been the first year of your GCSEs and you have had to contend with isolating, school closures, and bubbling up classes, but together we have got through it and we have finished strong. Your maturity over this year has been outstanding and your ability to smile and laugh through the tough times is something to be admired.

Well done on your first year of Key Stage 4. I cannot believe that my little Year 7s who joined me are going into Year 10! Where has the time gone?! Congratulations on such high attendance, so often we have smashed it in terms of being top of the school, we know as a year group that good attendance is more than just getting to school to put a tick in the box, it's about learning, it's about showing that you care, and it's about making sure that you get ready for your future.

Over the Summer holidays please make sure you relax and spend time with your family and friends. You deserve to have some time to just be kids and have fun! Make sure that you are refreshed to come back in September and ready to go full steam ahead!

To all the Year 9 parents/carers – thank you for your continuous support this year. It has been an absolute pleasure in working along side you and watching your wonderful children grow up.

Take care, stay safe and I will see you September.

Mrs V Holt
Year 9 Family Leader

JACK PETCHY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who have won this term's Jack Petchey awards. They will receive £200 to spend on a school project of their choice.

- Reece Smith, Year 8
- Bibi Nana, Year 8
- Lily Bryce, Year 10

Voting for students and staff will open again in the Autumn Term. Mentors will share details with students once the nomination link is live.



GIRLS' RUGBY

Ms Gravells would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has attended girls' rugby this year. With over 30 attendees every week, it has been a great turnout, and fantastic to see such dedication. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces at next year's club.

COLOUR RUN

Thank you to the 423 students who bought tickets and took part in our first ever Colour Run! We raised a staggering £953.61. This will be divided up between the two houses. Half will go to Sahara House's charity which is the Royal Marsden and half will go towards the work we do in the Academy to support the mental health of our students.

The students had a lot of fun at the event. Ms Berkeley and Mrs Clark have been overwhelmed by your enthusiasm and requests to host this event again in the future. To quote a Year 7 student, it was the 'most epic day at school EVER!'



NEWS FROM ENGLISH

Despite the lockdowns and social distancing issues the English department has faced during this academic year, we have had a very successful year. The Year 11s have been guided through to the end of their English courses by the dedicated staff in the department and much attention was given to preparing them all for their next pathway choices. The Year 10s were fully engaged with comprehensive remote lesson provision and are in a strong position to begin their final year of English at the school. KS3 years likewise have worked hard all year and have undertaken the recent assessments with excellent preparation sessions, revision lessons, and a palpable excitement to do of their best.

I am delighted to report that the Library is now fully reopened and is enjoying much use. Janette Clegg, the school's librarian, has done an amazing job in stocking it with current, diverse, and relevant texts and must be given huge congratulations for the implementation of a new database system "Access-It" that will tie in with the Horizons IPAD project and revolutionise reading initiatives at the school in the years ahead.

Many of the usual English department extra-curricular activities have also taken place such as short-story, poetry, and essay writing competitions with some notable successes across Year 7 and 8. KS4 Debate Club has also been re-instated and is ever ready for more members to improve their critical thinking and presentational skills (KS3 Debate Club will commence September 2021). As a department we look forward now to the next academic year where the full menu of theatre trips, visiting writers, spelling-bee competitions, book fairs, poetry by heart performances, and reading clubs will return,

In the meantime, I wish you all a lovely summer with lots of engaging and entertaining reading and discussions! Mr O'Shea, **HoF English**

GO APE MATHS TRIP

The Maths department ran a rewards trip this half term to Go Ape. 16 lucky students were invited to attend and were selected by their maths teachers for effort and excellence during their Maths lessons:

While on the site they used logic and angles to work out the best way to make the crossings from platform to platform and then worked out the speed at which they travelled down the zip line.
The top speed was 7.42 meters per second!



Year 7 News

Well done to each and every one of you! Year 7, (we won't be calling you that for much longer!) I am so very proud of all you have accomplished in this academic year. It's not been easy, far from it, but all the hard work you have put in has been worth it. Excellence is a habit that many of you have cultivated through rigour, resilience and passion. I've seen us work brilliantly as a team helping and encouraging one another like any great family member should. Please keep this up Year 7. I am sure Year 8 will come with its own challenges which you will again rise to and achieve success as you have done so this year.

Thank you for all your well wishes (and name ideas) for the baby, I really am going to miss you while I am on maternity leave. But I leave you in the very capable hands of Ms Berkeley who I know will accomplish great things with you as a slightly more grown-up Year 8 family until I return.

Remember to stay safe and look after yourselves and each other throughout the summer, and come back refreshed and ready to work hard and give Year 8 all you've got. Only your best will do. Continue to shine like the stars you all are.

Mrs Mondo
Year 7 Family Leader

I am extremely excited to be covering Ms Mondo as your Family Leader. We have had a fantastic start to Oasis Coulsdon and I have seen us develop into a family. I cannot wait to continue supporting your growth as a year group allowing you to become the best version of yourself. Have a safe, restful summer and see you in September ready to strive for excellence.

Miss Berkeley
Year 7 Deputy Family Leader

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

One of the highlights of the year for Year 7 was this year's residential. Students enjoyed a wonderful two days out with Bushcraft. After a challenging year where, for much of it, we were unsure whether or not the trip would go ahead.

It was a breath of fresh air to see the students flourish in the freedom of the Geddington Woodlands and participate in outdoor activities including (amongst other things) fire lighting, trap making and shelter building. Some students were so proud of their work, that they opted to sleep in the shelters they made rather than in the tents which were prepared. It was great to see the students in a different environment, they showed great maturity and resilience in the way they conducted themselves. The skills they learned and memories made will last a lifetime.



BOOK DONATION

Thanks to the Children's Book Project who donated these great titles to our library this term. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to the library next academic... keep reading over the summer!



ONLINE LIBRARY APP

Accessit, our new online library app, is now up and running. Click on the below link to check it out.

[Accessit](#)

MATHS MASTERCLASS - BY TAYLOR DAVISON

Hello, my name is Taylor and about a year ago I joined Maths Masterclass. Maths Masterclass is a group for young mathematicians to develop their skills and learn new and exiting things about maths that wouldn't be taught in school. Maths Masterclass consists of about 400 Year 8 students who are divided into groups of 4-5 to work through weekly 1 hour lessons with a tutor.

Occasionally, a group competition is held where, for an hour, each group works together to complete 4 challenging questions to earn a total of 20 points, each question is worth 5 points with 2 marks being awarded for accuracy, 2 marks being awarded for teamwork, and 1 mark being awarded for ingenuity. So far there have been 2 team challenges, in the first challenge my group placed second with 19 points and in the second challenge my group won with 20 points.

Each lesson we focus on a different topic, for example we recently learnt about parity and strategic thinking. Sometimes we will go in depth on more simple topics, such as inverse operation which we tried to work out possible number for multiplication and division where we only got a few digits to work with (digits covered by stars are unknown and the letter D is the number we are trying to solve). One important part of Maths Masterclass is that we not only need to find an answer but be able to prove and explain it.

Players A and B take it in turns to write a digit either 1, 2, 3, 4 to make a growing list.

A	2					
B	2	3				
A	2	3	2			
B	2	3	2	2		
A	2	3	2	2	1	
B	2	3	2	2	1	4

Are there two 3's?
Are there three 2's?
Are there two 1's?
Is there one 4? B

A game used to teach strategic thinking

Mystery digits

In each of these calculations, D stands for a digit, which might be zero. The 'stars' stand for other unknown digits. What can digit D be in each calculation? For some of these, the answer could be 'there are no possible values of D'.

- $(★ ★ D)^2 = ★ ★ ★ ★ 9$
- $(★ ★ D)^2 = ★ ★ ★ ★ 7$
- $(★ ★ D)^2 = ★ ★ ★ ★ 5$
- $(★ ★ D)^2 = ★ ★ ★ ★ D$

Mystery digits

In each of these calculations, D stands for a digit, which might be zero. The 'stars' stand for other unknown digits. What can digit D be in each calculation?

- $9 ★ ★ D$
- $7 ★ ★ D$
- $★ 4$
- $★ 8 \text{ remainder } 5$
- $★ D$
- $★ D \text{ remainder } 3$
- $4 ★ ★ 8$
- $6 ★ ★ 5$

Two questions used to teach a more advanced version of inverse operation

Year 8 Report



Although it is the second year of secondary school, it's the first summer term we have had together and the first time we end an academic year together.

This has been a very eventful term, to say the least.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Emily Holland who was selected to sing for the World Day of Consciousness, which was organised by the World Humanitarian Drive via Zoom. This was a fantastic opportunity, as His Excellency, Mandla Mandela, MP, the grandson of Nelson Mandela was a guest. Emily bravely sang in front of hundreds of people that were present.

With this year being so different to other years, Year 8 have not chosen their options for the GCSE subjects they wish to study. However, they will still be moving from lower school to upper school and in order to mark this occasion, they will have a small graduation ceremony, where they receive their new ties. Unfortunately, because of the current COVID climate, parents are unable to be in attendance. However, it will be a day that they remember.

I would like to say goodbye to Mr Hodges who works with the lower school as we progress onto upper school. Mr Hodges has worked with us for the beginning and has formed wonderful relationships with the year group. I would also like to say goodbye to Mrs Billings who will no longer be a Mentor for our year group, as she will be focusing on her role in Maths.

I would like to welcome Mr Pelling who will be working with us for the next two years and I would also like to welcome Ms Laurent who will be joining our year group as a Mentor.

I have had a wonderful experience working with this year group through their lower school journey and I look forward to continuing working with you and them for the next three years.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you on the other side.

Best Wishes,

Ms Ogundele
Year 8 Family Leader

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Whilst we haven't been able to go on holiday this year our Year 8 German students have been sending postcards from virtual holidays.

Here is a selection of their fabulous work!



And well done to Year 8 Spanish classes who have been learning how to make and use effective revision cards...

It has been a long, tiring, and difficult year for all of us. We have had to endure lockdowns, bubbled groups and last minute changes. But at the end of all of this, I can honestly say that I have never been more proud of you as a year group. I am minded in particular to the recent response to the changes to the end of year exams in which you all took it in your stride and just got on with it! While we often focus on the negatives that have been brought around by the pandemic, there are some bright spots, and the perspective many of you have gained over the last year will be invaluable going forward.

Year 10 Update

I'm writing this ahead of Sports Day on Friday, which is your final one. It makes me think back over the years since you joined in 2017 and how much you have changed in that time! It does make me glad that there is a year to go, so that I can see how you develop further, before you leave us for pastures new!

When we return in September, you will be Year 11 and at the top of the Academy. I know you have it in you to be great role models for the rest of the year groups, regardless of whether the colour of your tie is black or silver! However, it is also a year that many of you are going to face some adversity, and may find that the year becomes difficult. So ahead of that, I have a couple of tips:

- Firstly, enjoy your six weeks! Take the time to relax. The Covid restrictions are easing so you will be able to do more, but make sure to keep your head on straight and stay safe.
- Trust your teachers. They have already been planning how to hit the ground running in September, and how to support you throughout the year. They care a lot about you, so make sure you let them help you.
- Support each other. This one should be obvious!
- And finally, work smart! Your mindset in September will be really important, you will need to keep your effort levels high. But there are also simple things you can be doing to improve your output, without increasing the work you have to do... We'll be picking up on this more in September!

Regardless, I hope you all have a restful holiday, spend as much time as possible with friends and family, and we will see you back bright and early on Thursday 2nd September.

All the best,

Mr Falvey
Year 10 Family Leader

Craft Club & Textiles

Mrs Booth introduced a Craft club to the enrichment timetable this year in response to interest expressed by students. The uptake of the club has been brilliant, with numbers reaching maximum capacity most weeks.

The items created by students have ranged from scented soaps to decoupage boxes. We can't wait to see what creations they come up with in the Autumn Term.



These pieces of coursework are by Y9 students Charlotte, Imogen, and Mia. They have been looking at the work of a Textile Artists and creating a response. Mrs Booth would like to commend them on such fantastic work.



And finally, this beautiful piece of work is from Grace and is her response to the silent stitched protests study of Chilean women.



GEOGRAPHY OUT AND ABOUT

After a long period of school trips not being a possibility, Year 10 Geography students were excited to get back out to conduct their field research for their GCSE course. Students took part in not one, but two field trips this term, with the first to Eastbourne, and the second to East Stratford. Unfortunately the weather for their day by the coast was not as glorious as East Stratford, but they had a great time nonetheless.



ARTS SHOWCASE

We were sad to have to cancel the Arts Showcase this term. However, our team of creative arts staff have been busy pulling together a virtual event instead.

Here is a sneak peak at some of the work featured. We hope to share this with you in the first weeks back in Autumn as a way to celebrate the start of the new year.



Oasis Awards

This year's annual Oasis Awards took on a different form. Although they could not be held at central arena, students were still treated to a showcase of entertainment and a gourmet picnic lunch. Congratulations to all our winners:

- Shreya Chandran
- Montrel Brown
- Mahkai Guy-Brown
- Daisy Simms
- Haran Selcuck





Term Dates
2021-2022



TERM DATES

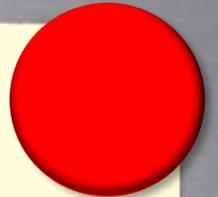
Click on the below links to view the full term dates for 2021-2022

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TERM DATES



Autumn Term 2021

- **Wednesday 1st September:**
INSET Day
- Thursday 2nd September:
First day of Autumn Term Year 7 & 11
- Friday 3rd September:
First day of Autumn Term Year 8, 9 & 10
- **Friday 22nd October**
INSET Day
- **Monday 25th October - Friday 5th November: Half Term**
- Tuesday 21st December:
Last Day of Autumn Term
- **Wednesday 22nd December - Monday 3rd January: Christmas Holidays**

Spring Term 2022

- **Tuesday 4th January:**
INSET Day
- Wednesday 5th January:
First day of Spring Term
- **Monday 14th - Friday 18th February**
Half Term
- Friday 1st April
Last day of Spring Term
- **Monday 4th - Monday 18th April**
Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2022

- Tuesday 19th April:
First day of Summer Term
- Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday
- **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**
Half Term
- **Friday 24th June**
INSET Day
- Tuesday 26th July:
Last day of Summer Term

SUMMER ACTIVITIES...

Below and on the following pages are links and details to an array of activities and services on offer in our local area this summer free of charge.

Upper Norwood Library

<https://www.uppernorwoodlibraryhub.org/>

Summer reading challenge

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

Kinetika Bloco summer school 10-18yrs

<https://www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/>

Legacy reloaded youth zone

young people aged 8-19, or up to 25 if you have a disability

<https://www.legacyyouthzone.org/legacy-reloaded/>

Wildern Garden

at Hall Grange Care Home are open to the public over the summer

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wilderness-opening-saturday-17th-july-tickets-162167494341?aff=erelexpmlt>

Butterfly walk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-butterfly-and-wildflower-walk-at-dollypers-hill-nature-reserve-tickets-162541406723>

Community Summer Activity Offer Timetable

https://www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org/uploaded/Coulsdon/Academy_Life/Parent_Information/2020-2021/Whole_School/Community_Organisation_Current_Youth_Offer_July_2021.pdf

Anna Freud

Mental Health Service

We would love to invite you to our 6th Annual Summer PIE on 12th - 13th August 2021. The Summer PIE is an event dedicated to celebrating participation and the incredible participation work young people and parents are doing across the country.

Over the two days, attendees will be able to pick and choose from eight exciting workshops and webinars including self-care, upskilling, talks from guest speakers and opportunities to learn about all the amazing participation work going on in mental health services.

Please note, this event is primarily for **young people and parents/carers**.

This event will take place online. By signing up, you are not committing to all 8 sessions, you will be sent the links for all of the sessions prior to the event and then you can pick and choose what you come to.

https://www.annafreud.org/training/training-and-conferences-overview/online-conferences-webinars-and-events/summer-participation-involvement-event/?mc_cid=fbbd8407b7&mc_eid=d275a71f1a

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at Play Place, 21 Wayside, Fieldway, New Addington CR0 9DX



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Croydon Play Rangers 2021

2nd-18th August

	Monday's	Tuesday's	Wednesday's
11am-12.30	Tollers Play Park CR5 1BB	Propeller Crescent, CR0 4FE	Longheath Gardens Play Park, CR0 7TD
1pm -3.30	Woodside Baptist Church, SE25 4SP		Woodside Baptist Church, SE25 4SP
4pm-5.30	Shrublands Muga, CR0 8NG	Shrublands Muga, CR0 8NG	Shrublands Muga, CR0 8NG



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Summer Fun 2021

8+ years (under 8's with an adult)

27th July-20th August

(Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri)

11am - 3pm

Croftleigh ; Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church, Reedham Park Avenue, Purley, CR8 4BQ

New Addington, 21 Wayside, Fieldway, New Addington, CR0 9DX

Green Lane, Rugby Club, County Road (Off Green Lane), Thornton Heath

Sports, Music, Dance, Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Bouncy Castles, Games.

Free lunch will be provided



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Sanderstead Rec - 5th August

Walton Green - 10th August

Handcroft Road Estate - 12th August

Rutherwick Rise, Coulsdon - 17th August

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