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A special edition of The Coulsdon Chronicle for Culture Day: Thursday 21st July 2022



Culture Day Review- Mr Harris

What a fantastic day we have had today celebrating the diverse culture at our Academy! From African Dancing, to Italian Breadmaking. Sports From Around the World, to the Samba Music Workshop, there has been something for everyone to get involved with and participate in. The traditional cultural dress, as displayed by many students, has been a particular highlight and has been superb to see, and the pride on show has been evident around the building.

For many students, there have been new skills learnt, new experiences and new friendships formed as pupils from Years 7-9 have mixed and enjoyed the plethora of opportunity that today's Culture Day has brought.

A big thank you to Ms Kenison for organising a truly excellent day as well as all staff who hosted workshops and activities.

I would like to thank the team of student journalists and photographers who contributed to this special edition of the Coulsdon Chronicle.

I am very proud to edit and publish my final version of The Coulsdon Chronicle after such a terrific day had by all. I do hope you enjoy reading this edition.

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Italian Breadmaking

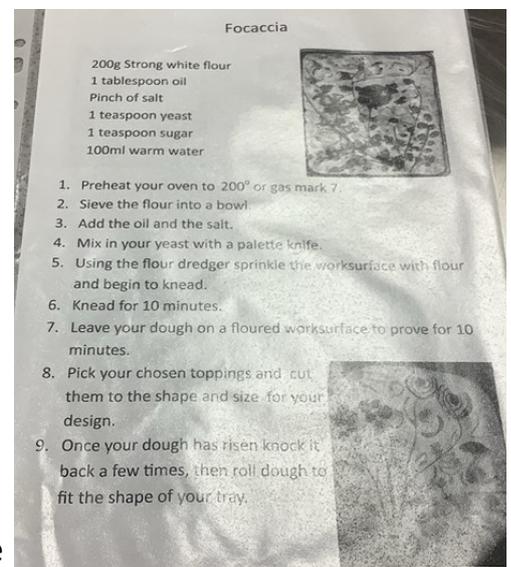
Oliver Kingett (Year 8)

(Accompanied by Jacob Harold and Joe Parrett (Year 8))

Today, Jacob, Joe and I visited the Italian bread making workshop in G3 and G4. This workshop was led by Ms Ward and Ms Buckingham and it looked awesome! It smelled amazing with different ingredients being used like chives and many plant-based ingredients.

Whilst students were busy cooking, Italian music could be heard playing in the background.

Louis Ball said: "Bread is good for you and I have enjoyed the workshop overall." Equally, Jack Baker and Dylan said: "this workshop has been very fun." Jim Daunt also mentioned that the breadmaking had been "pretty fun" too. Mrs. Ward added: "all students used the recipe supplied." See the image to the right for the ingredients and recipe used!



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Face Painting Workshop

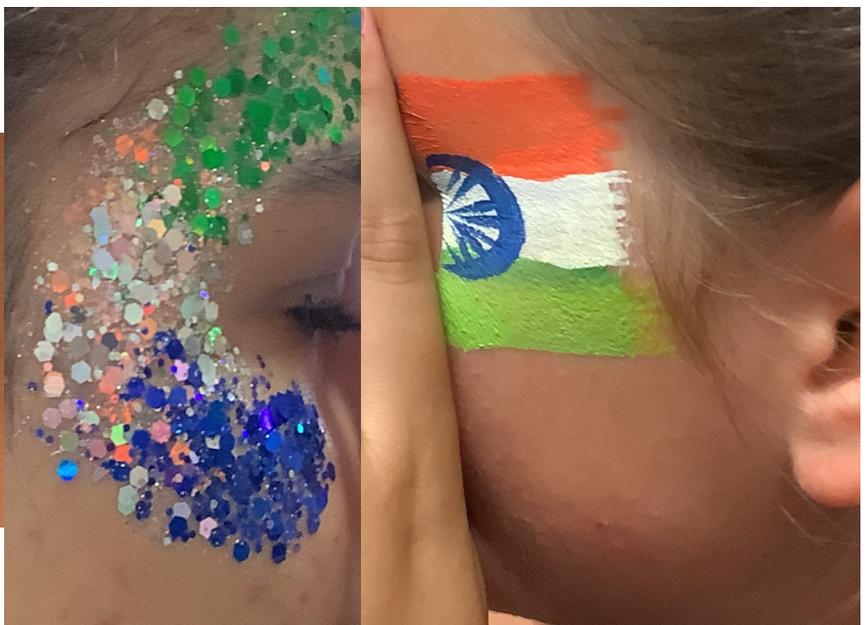
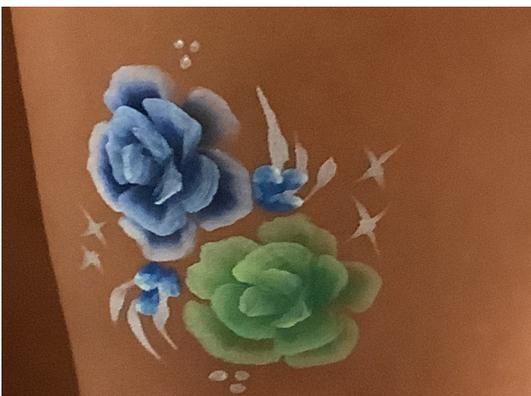
Zaara Bartlett (Year 9)

Today, Thursday 21st July 2022, is the official date for Culture Day at Oasis Academy Coulsdon. There were a multitude of activities taking place today so the school could celebrate everyone's culture and the beauty that can be found within diversity.

In G6, Mr Calvo ran a workshop dedicated to face-painting. People were painting different flags on their faces and cultural designs which was a beautiful and excellent representation of unity within the Academy. One student, Tia Campbell, said: "I chose this workshop because I wanted to try out traditional face-paint." This statement really reflects the amount of pride Tia has within their culture—and it is excellent that they are using this day as an opportunity to have fun; especially taking into consideration that today is Tia's penultimate day here at Oasis before they head to the Brit School for Year 10.

Good luck, Tia!

The atmosphere in G6 was very tranquil, yet buzzing with excitement. It was obvious that everyone was truly happy to be in that room within that moment and the evidence was displayed on the students' faces (quite literally!). Students described the workshop as "fun, calm, relaxing and amazing", which I happen to agree with wholeheartedly!



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Military Bootcamp

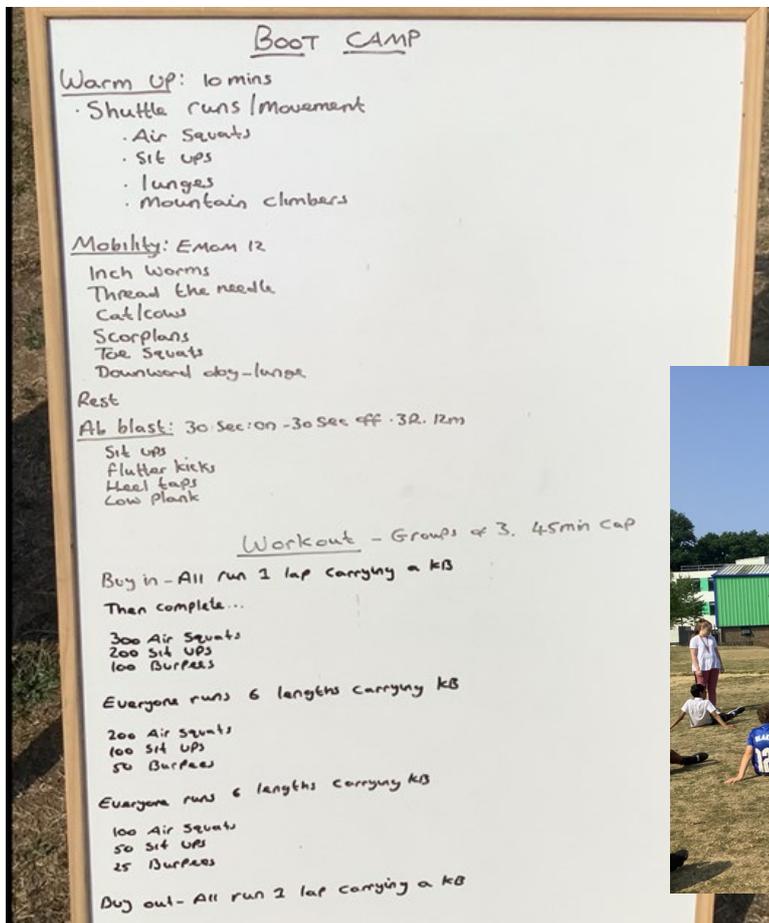
Archie Prescott (Year 7) and Finn Goodman (Year 9)

Outside, on the Academy field, the military boot camp was in full swing. Students were learning and experiencing how the military train and were put through their paces at this workshop by Mr Simmonds.

Students were challenged to complete butterfly kicks and planks amongst a myriad of various other exercises. It looked like students were having lots of fun and the teachers were enjoying it too. Mrs Verelst, who was involved in the bootcamp, said: "I think it is a lovely experience for the students." A key expression that was used at the bootcamp was "stay focused, stay strong, stay you."

Students unanimously stated: "Mr Simmons is a good teacher and a beast at P.E!"

Here is a photo of the bootcamp exercise plan:



Students taking a brief break before their next instructed exercise.



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Science Workshop: Fireworks

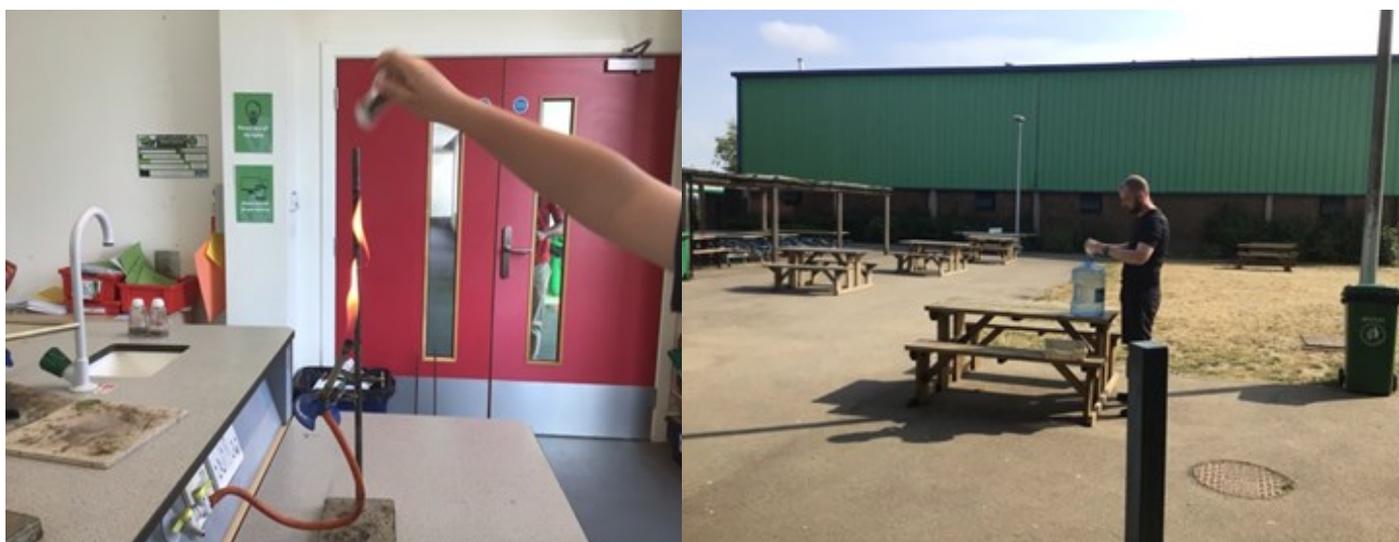
Julian Lawless (Year 9) and James Bradford (Year 8)

For the science workshop of Culture Day, Mr Falvey and Mr Schramm were demonstrating and instructing pupils in the art of firework design! Taking place in the science laboratory of F12, Mr Falvey and Mr Schramm provided all pupils with safety goggles and followed all safety precautions.

Initially, the science behind the experiments was clearly explained including how combustion and chemical reactions work. Mr Falvey demonstrated with flour poured over the flame of a Bunsen burner which created a larger flame. Then, iron nail was put on the flame which created no reaction, but when students sprinkled iron filings onto the flame, it created sparks.

Pupils were then taken outside into the science playground to watch a demonstration of a large container, filled with ethanol, which created a loud "whooshing sound" when lit.

After returning to the classroom, students experimented with different elements on a wooden splint over the blue flame of a Bunsen burner. Their final task: to design a firework!



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European Culture Tour

Stirling Sharpe (Year 9)

Today in S1, Ms Maddocks was hosting the European Culture Tour activity where students were taught to make a Spanish, vegetable-based drink, featuring ingredients such as tomatoes and cucumber. In addition to this, the students were learning to perform the Southern Spanish folk dance from Seville, Sevillanas.

Sevillanas is a folk dance, composed in the 19th century, and is usually performed with a partner's assistance. It is often performed in El Rocio, at a festival held 50 days after Easter in Southern Spain. This dance is very popular in Spain, as most people know it, even though the dance combines skilful footwork and handiwork.

Hair Braiding

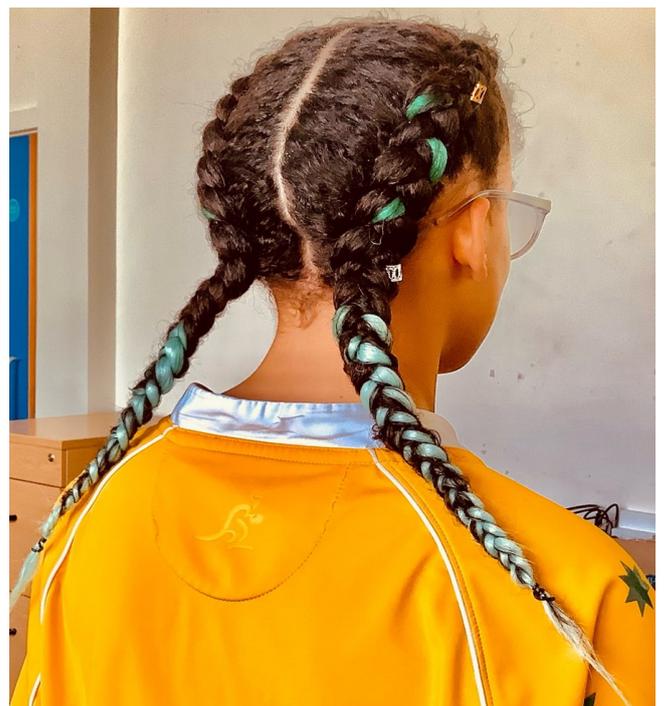
Reece Croucher (Year 8)

In S24, at Oasis Academy Coulsdon, there was a hair braiding class taking place.

Ms Ogundele and Ms Lennon were teaching students how to braid hair and were demonstrating how to use beads in hair and extensions to give it more colour.

Students who attended the workshop said that they wanted to take part in order to learn hair braiding with their friends.

At the centre of the room in S24, there were two chairs where the teachers would braid the students' hair. This was enjoyed by all students from Years 7-9.



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Textiles

Sophie Daniels (Year 7) and Roxy Runnells (Year 8)

Today, students took part in the Culture Day textiles workshop. Students made small pouches based on mandala sand art designs created by Tibetan monks. Ms Booth led the workshop in G5 where students were getting creative. One student said: "I chose this textiles workshop because it is creative and there is a chance to use your imagination."



Textiles

Isabelle Ayres (Year 8)

In the textiles room, G5, Ms Booth was showing students how to create Mandala sand art which is an art form created by Tibetan monks. Students were creating very colourful covers for pouch bags using a 'sand style' and then created patterns with stencils using paint and a sponge.

Most students described the experience as 'fun and exciting'. One student said: "It is calm and quiet. Everyone is happy and people are getting on with one another and are doing their work." Another student added: "I enjoy doing textiles because it makes me happy."

At one point, the power unfortunately went out, and the hairdryers (which were being used to dry the pouches) stopped working. This did not dishearten students however, as they kept their positive attitude and continued to dry their sand art pouches outside, until the power returned!

Overall, I could see that Ms Booth and her students enjoyed the workshop and created some fantastic pieces of work inspired by the Tibetan monks.

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Sports from Around the World

Sage Copper (Year 9)

Aussie rules football, yeah! Kick or punch the ball to score points. I visited the "Sports from Around the World" session today which took place out on the field. The students were really engaged and the session was run by Mr Savage and Miss Gravells who told us "the students are loving it!" We spoke to a student who took part in playing Australian rules football and they said they had "wanted to try a different sport from their usual" and mentioned that the experience was "great."



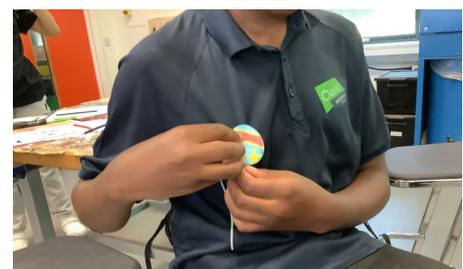
Face Painting Extra —quotes from the workshop...

Connor Jerome (Year 7)

Mr Calvo: "What an amazing morning with some fantastic face painting designs! A huge thank you to Miss Younger for sharing with us her fantastic face painting talent!"

Charlie Neave: "It is pretty good, and very chilled."

Daniel Daugela: "The atmosphere is very cheerful."



Overall, everyone seemed to be having fun drawing badges and painting cultural 'tattoos' on their arms and faces. Teachers were helping students with their custom designs.

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Art Workshop

Summer Harris and Emmeline Shennan (Year 7)

Art is a universal language that helps people communicate.

Today, in F3, students took part in the Art Workshop which was hosted by Mr Jarvie. He mentioned that students were creating art works inspired by different countries and their cultures. Students could use materials such as paints, pastels and digital images to create their pieces.

We asked one student why they picked the Art Workshop today, and they said: "Art opens many doors, for many people, and I simply like the subject." Another student added:

"Art is such an underrated subject! It is a great way to express your feelings on paper."

Jamie Holliday summed up the feeling of all students by stating that the workshop had been "amazing!"

