

E-Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last week. Attendance continues to be good and there is a lovely atmosphere in school. I would particularly like to thank our Year 11 students who have adjusted to their daily period 7 so well and are working so diligently. Now that our routines are embedded we are hoping in the coming weeks to start some of our extracurricular clubs within bubbles and to reopen our library safely.

Parent Survey

We have had to make many changes this year as a result of COVID and would really like your feedback on how we are doing as an Academy to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). We would really appreciate it if you could complete this [short survey](#).

Black History Month

October marks Black History Month, the annual commemoration of the history, achievements and contributions of black people in the UK and globally.

As an Academy we believe we are a family and as such equality, diversity, and inclusion is very important to us. Honouring Black History Month enables us to reflect on the diverse histories of those from African and Caribbean descent, taking note of the achievements and contributions to the social, political, economic and cultural development of the UK.

However, we don't want black history to be ignored once October ends. Therefore, Black History Month will serve as the 'starting point' for a larger conversation about how to incorporate black history into history as a whole.

We are starting this week with a (virtual) assembly from Ms John and our students. Thank you in advance to all involved. Later in the month we will be looking at Black History in our curriculum areas as well as wearing something red on Thursday 15th October as part of 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Students can pay £1 via Parent Pay (available now) to take part, all proceeds will go towards helping fund anti-racism education.

Clothing

Wherever possible we are endeavour to give students time outside at break and lunch as not only is this safer given the current context, but it also helps students with their attention later in the day. It is therefore really important that students have appropriate clothing. Students will need a warm rain coat and a school jumper. As it gets colder students may also wish to wear a white T-shirt or thermal under their school shirt. We are starting to use our heating but with the windows open it is feeling especially cold in the mornings in the building.

Pick up and Drop off

Our wider community are an important part of our Academy and we would like to remind parents to be considerate of our neighbours. Please do not sit in your cars with the engine running as it results in poor air quality. In addition please drive considerately on surrounding roads and do not drop off at the yellow lines outside of the school, or park in the bays for the housing development neighbouring us.

Year 7 Admissions 2021

If you have a younger child starting secondary school in September 2021, please do visit our [virtual open event](#) on our website to find out more about joining the Academy next year. Please also be aware that from next year our admissions arrangements will prioritise children who already have a sibling at the school.

COVID email

In event of a positive COVID case we want to be able to respond as quickly as we can. In event that you receive a positive test for your child please email us at Covid-19@oasiscoulsdon.org. This email address will be checked over the weekend and in the evening allowing us to act quickly.

My best wishes to you and your family.

Ms C Green, **Principal**

STAR OF THE WEEK

Year 7 : Politeness

Austin Dawes– every morning he is so polite, saying good morning and asking everyone how their day is. He says goodbye at the end of the day, and 'have a nice evening'. He is always polite and helps others out who are struggling.

Year 8: Family

Millie Storey for consistently putting P1 books out on all desks every morning and always asking if she can help in any way. She is a credit to the mentor group!

Year 9: Family

Taye Butler for returning back to school with a lot of focus and drive to get his work right. Keep up the good work Taye!

Year 10: Love

Sophie Hellens for being consistent with her support of our student with ASD and is always willing to help them.

Year 11: Determination

Madison Wallis-Rogers for her work ethic and resilience with a smile on her face and a friendly wave each day.

Sports Star

Olivia Jones for her determination to succeed and beat her target during the cooper run.
Daniel Hill for his excellent display of Self-Control and enthusiasm through-out the lesson.

NOTICES

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

We are pleased to share with you the link to our virtual library which has been updated for the autumn term. Click on the below link to read the latest news, top reads and watches for the term.

[FADLET - GAC LIBRARY AUTUMN TERM](#)

MASKS ON SALE

We will shortly be adding face masks to the options for payment on ParentPay. If you would like to purchase spare or additional face masks you will be able to do so via your ParentPay account and your child will be able to collect this from Student Reception the next working day.