

Bulletin

13th April 2026

Oasis

Academy
Coulston

Message from the Principal

Dear families,

Warm welcome to the best term of the year!

I hope you've had an amazing break. We are really looking forward to this term; we love seeing academic progress come together, particularly for our Year 11 students as they approach their GCSEs, but also in the effort that other year groups put into their end-of-year exams. In addition to this, there are so many opportunities to celebrate our students' talents this term - whether it's preparing for Sports Day, rehearsing for Oasis Got Talent, or getting involved in the many enrichment activities on offer.

A huge well done to our Year 11s who worked so hard over the holidays, and thank you to the teachers who ran intervention sessions to support them. If motivation is starting to dip, here are a few strategies that have worked well for families in the past:

- Trying the Pomodoro technique. For example, 25 minutes of focused revision followed by a 5-minute break, repeated four times, then a longer 15–20 minute break. This can help maintain concentration and avoid burnout.
- Using apps to support revision e.g. Quizlet for flashcards, Educake for the revision function or Forest for tracking progress - students love this one
- Getting involved with your child - after 50 minutes of revision, spend 3 minutes quizzing them on key words, definitions, or asking them to explain a concept back to you. Teaching someone else is a powerful learning tool.
- Front-load the hard work e.g. complete practice essays, exam questions, or problem-solving tasks first, then use revision apps or flashcards later in the day when energy levels are lower.
- Remember to reward the effort, not the result (praising consistency, focus, or completing a revision plan. Evidence suggests this has a much greater impact on long-term motivation).

Finally, a massive thank you to our Spanish students for representing our school so well on the recent trip, and a huge thank you to Mrs Maddocks and the team for giving students such a fantastic opportunity.

Best wishes,
Ms Green

HABIT OF THE WEEK:

HOPEFUL

ASSEMBLY THEME:

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

WHAT'S COMING UP...

- **Year 8 Lifesaving Skills**
Tuesday 14th April
- **Bronze DofE Meeting**
Tuesday 14th April
- **Years 7 & 11 Whole Year Photos**
Thursday 16th April
- **Croydon College Visit**
Friday 17th April
- **Year 9 Social Media Workshops**
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st April
- **Bronze DofE Meeting**
Tuesday 21st April
- **Year 9 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 22nd April
- **Creative Arts Spring Showcase**
Thursday 23rd April

For additional event dates, please find link to academy calendar on useful links page.

PARENTS' VOICE

Principals' Drop In

Thursday 9th July

Parents' Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 23rd April 1.30 – 3.00pm

Parents' Forum

Monday 27th April

Monday 8th June

See below for more details
and how to book.

Parent Events

YEAR 7

Parents' Evening 24th June

YEAR 8

Parents' Evening 29th April

YEAR 9

Parents' Evening 22nd April

YEAR 10

Parents' Evening 1st July

ALL YEAR GROUPS

SEND Workshop - Thursday 14th May

Parent Information - Wed 13th May

KEY MESSAGES

YEAR 10

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful Easter break. It has been wonderful welcoming our Year 10 students back to school, refreshed and ready to begin the final term of the year.

With just six weeks until the May half-term, it is essential that students attend every day and arrive prepared to learn. This term plays a crucial role in their academic progress, particularly as they move towards their end-of-year assessments. These assessments will form an important part of their ongoing records and are considered as part of college applications, so sustained effort and commitment are key.

We are also in the process of finalising all work experience placements, which will run from 13th–22nd July. If any paperwork or placement confirmations are still outstanding, please ensure these are completed as soon as possible so that every student is fully prepared.

I am very much looking forward to a productive and successful term with Year 10 as they continue working towards their goals and final assessments. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 8

I would like to warmly welcome all students and families back to school this week. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As the new term begins, we are looking forward to a positive and purposeful few weeks ahead, with a continued focus on high expectations, learning, and student wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure every child succeeds.

BBC SOUNDS

Earlier in the year, some of our students took part in an interview for a BBC Radio 4 series called 'About the Girls'. The series will be broadcast across BBC Radio 4 and BBC 5 Live this week and our students will feature in Friday's episode 'Friendship'.

You can listen to the first episode now, on [BBC Sounds](#).

WATER BOTTLES

As the weather is now starting to get warmer, all students need to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

YEAR 7

I have seen a great deal of growth and development in the students over the past few weeks. They have shown genuine gratitude towards their teachers and demonstrated maturity when navigating friendship challenges. What has been particularly encouraging is their developing sense of accountability and responsibility. Not only expressing thanks, but also recognising when they are in the wrong, offering sincere apologies, and actively working to mend relationships. Their willingness to reflect, take ownership of their actions, and rebuild trust shows real emotional development and a growing commitment to our community values.

YEAR 9

I am really looking forward to working with this wonderful group of students and their parents/carers.

Please can I remind you that Mrs Burton is no longer the Family Leader for Year 9. We have worked hard to ensure a smooth handover so that both students and parents continue to feel fully supported.

If you have any concerns, please contact me directly at elizabeth.berkeley@oasiscoulsdon.org

As we move closer to picking options please remember students will continue to have 1:1 meetings with a staff member about their options. These meetings are happening with various staff over the course of the next few weeks. Each day students will be notified of their time and venue for their meetings. Students are not expected to make choices at this stage, but to seek advice.

YEAR 11

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

It has been great to welcome Year 11 back today, with many students returning refreshed and motivated as we enter the final four weeks before GCSE examinations begin. For some students, this period may feel daunting, while others may be feeling confident. Regardless of how they are feeling, it is vital that all students attend the academy every day from now until the examinations conclude in June. Missing even a single day of learning at this stage can be equivalent to missing an entire week of learning in Year 7.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 team if you have any questions or need further support.

DRIVEWAY REMINDER

Please only drop off or collect students by car if you have permission from their Family Leader or our SEN Department. This is to keep our students and other site users safe.

INDEPENDENCE CHAMPIONS - MATHS

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP on Sparx Maths since January:

Year 7 – Joshua Smith
Year 8 – Reuven Tweedley
Year 9 – Aaron Fergusson

Well done to 7a/Ma-Rigour who achieved the highest average XP since January.

Well done to the following who have a high percentage of correct answers and have completed a significant number of questions since January:

Year 10 – Ellie Archer
Year 11 – Jacob Phillips
Well done!

INDEPENDENCE CHAMPIONS - ENGLISH

Congratulations to the following KS4 students for their engagement in Educake over the Easter break:

Year 11: Rosa Wood
Year 10: Saphia Marsland





Well done to the following KS3 students for their work on Sparx Reader.

Year 7: Nelson Bernardo
Year 8: Sofia Faik
Year 9: Leora Crosley-Lo

HOMEWORK

Homework timetable, Week 1

KS3





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science 	Language  	English Sparx Reader	Maths Sparx Maths	History 

KS4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language  	Geography 	English 	Maths 	Science/History 

Homework timetable, Week 2

KS3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science 	Language  	English Sparx Reader	Maths Sparx Maths	Geography 

KS4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language  	Geography 	English 	Maths 	Science/History 

Expectations

- ♦ Students who do not complete the homework are issued a 50-minute detention.
- ♦ Students who attempt the homework but score below 70% on their best attempt will receive a behaviour point, unless they have spent 45 minutes or more on the task.
- ♦ Students who spend less than 45 minutes on the homework will receive a behaviour point, unless they have completed multiple attempts and ultimately achieved 100%.

PARENTS' VOICE

We have three ways for parents to help support the academy, through conversations with Ms Green. These are for general ideas, thoughts and queries, rather than events or issues, specific to your child. This type of query should always go to your child's Mentor or Subject Teacher first.

PRINCIPAL DROP-INS

Once a term. Pre-booked one to one, online 15minute sessions, for you to raise concerns directly with our principal. Please note, these will be limited and should be about general concerns or queries, not isolated incidents, regarding your child.

Summer Date 9th July - **Booking will open closer to the time** via School Cloud - <https://oasiscoulsdon.schoolcloud.co.uk>

PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING / AFTERNOON

Once a term. An in-person chance to share your thoughts and discuss solutions, over a hot (or cold) drink, with Ms Green and other parents, during the academy day.

Thursday 23rd April 1.30 - 3.00pm - click link below to book Parent Coffee Morning Summer Term 2026 – Fill in form

PARENTS' FORUM

Once a half-term. An online forum, of representatives from our Parents' WhatsApp, Facebook and other groups. A chance to bring concerns, to Ms Green's attention and discuss solutions. Mondays 27th April and 8th June - If you wish to represent your parents' group, please discuss this with other members in your group and then email Caroline.Leeson@oasiscoulsdon.org

SPORTS UPDATE

During the last few weeks of the spring term we had some brilliant results for the girls netball teams.

Year 8 had a tricky match away to Harris Purley resulting in a draw 4-4 overall. With Mahli Maslen being awarded player of the match by the other team. Well done to all of the girls who played.

Year 7 had a very comfortable away win Harris Purley with the final score finishing 15-1. With Sienna Smith being awarded player of the match by the other team.

Year 7 also had a very tight match away to Quest Academy resulting in 7-6 win. With Kesley Musambi being awarded player of the match by the other team. Year 7 are sitting at the top of their league table after 5 wins and 1 lose this win well done girls.



Self-Esteem: Building Confidence in the Secondary Years

It's easy to compare ourselves to others—especially online. Supporting a healthy sense of self helps teens try, learn, and grow.

Why it matters: Low self-esteem can fuel anxiety, perfectionism, and avoidance. Confidence grows through effort, not flawlessness.

What helps? Praise perseverance and notice progress. Help teens identify strengths and values beyond grades, like kindness, creativity, teamwork. Encourage activities that build mastery (music, sport, coding, art). Challenge negative self-talk by asking, "What would you say to a friend in this situation?"

Further support:

YoungMinds (Parents): Self-esteem – <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/self-esteem/>

Anna Freud Centre: Developing a balanced sense of self – <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/self-care/developing-a-balanced-sense-of-self/>

Antony Johnston is the Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner at Oasis Academy Coulsdon (place2talk@oasiscoulsdon.org). Place2Be is a children and young people's mental health charity providing counselling, mental health support, and training in UK schools. Provided that consent has been given, children can drop-in on Wednesdays and Thursdays to speak with Antony.

PARENT WEBINARS

RM Partners (the cancer alliance for north west and south west London) are running a series of webinars for parents and carers, focusing on the HPV vaccine. These are open to everyone to attend, and all are welcome. Parents will have an opportunity to attend to hear about the HPV virus and cancer risk, the HPV vaccine, and what their child can expect on the day of vaccination. There will be a chance to ask questions if there is anything they would like to know that is not covered during the webinar.

Parents can sign up for these webinars by completing this short form: [Register for the HPV Vaccine Webinar](#)
Webinar links will be emailed one week before and again 24 hours before your selected webinar as a reminder.

Upcoming webinar dates:

Monday 13 April at 18:30 – Hosted by Dr Bushra Khawaja, Hillingdon

Tuesday 14 April at 13:00 – Hosted by Dr Maria Wallace, Wandsworth

Wednesday 22 April at 13:00 – Hosted by Dr Helen Burns, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster

Thursday 23 April at 18:30 – Hosted by Dr Bushra Khawaja, Hillingdon

Monday 27 April at 11:00 – Hosted by Dr Navdeep Alg, Merton

Wednesday 29 April at 19:30 – Hosted by Dr Mohsin Choudry, NW & SW London Clinical Lead

Wednesday 6 May at 13:00 – Hosted by Dr Helen Burns, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster

Wednesday 6 May at 19:30 – Hosted by Dr Mohsin Choudry, NW & SW London Clinical Lead

Thursday 14 May at 16:30 – Hosted by Dr Maria Wallace, Wandsworth

Wednesday 20 May at 13:00 – Hosted by Dr Maria Wallace, Wandsworth

Thursday 21 May at 20:00 – Hosted by Dr Navdeep Alg, Merton



STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- Shout out to Muna B for her beautiful drawing skills. The pieces you showed me were incredible and I'm really very proud of you.
- Savannah G - 100% focus, creative and imaginative texture ideas in Art. Well done
- Charlie G for showcasing resilience and producing excellent written work in Geography today. I am proud of you!
- Rupert C Y9 - Really great job in History today. Answering lots of questions in class and writing a great paragraph for his independent practice! Well done Rupert
- Y9 Greta G, Aahana C, Sophie W and Juliana A for being lovely students and for being excited about singing!
- Charlie G, Rosey-Blue and Amie H Y7 – noticing something was out of place and returning it, independently with no prompt from staff.
- Patrick S for passing his grade 5 pianoforte exam with a merit!
- Skylah R, for her amazing achievement in her Sparks reading, becoming a Gold reader and getting 2,982 SRP over 300 . Awesome and amazing accomplishment. We are so proud of you. Keep up the great work
- Class of 9b aspire, what an amazing group of students. Your enthusiasm and confidence to learning is exemplary. Keep on excelling in all that you do. We are so proud of you.
- 7a/Res - Writing amazing short stories in English today, a lot of different ideas coming from one image
- Preston W (9), showed real kindness when he saw a teacher struggling with a heavy box of books. He offered to help by taking the box for her and carrying it to her room.
- 10y3 students who excelled in finding the arc length lesson today with a different teacher. 100% focus and engagement
- Daniel T, Adam B, Evan K and Jonathan K Y11 - thank you so much for taking responsibility for our books and resources and making sure they are where they need to be around the building. The fact I can just trust you to take the lead on this and coordinate is so incredibly helpful. Please never underestimate how much things like this lightens the load. Thank you
- Joanne A for writing a beautiful article about our trip to the V&A for the newsletter, very eloquent.
- Holly H for good answers in class, a mature approach to classwork and being an all round star student.
- Evan T - always willing to help, a responsible student. Evan is kind to his core.
- Johnathan J for quick, accurate and consistent numerical responses in Maths. Well done for settling to work so quickly every lesson.
- Owen E and Jack G for coming to see me the morning after parents evening to ask more questions about how they can revise and collecting revision timetables to help them structure their revision for all subjects
- Shout out to Daniel, Jeddah, Arjan, Elsie, Sophie, and Eleanor for consistently listening, concentrating, and working hard.
- Aidan A (10) for great work in maths today. Really trying hard and answering questions independently.
- Katy F (10) for working alongside another student in maths this week, being really patient. Lovely to see her collaborating so well.
- Jean B year 9 was fantastic in handball today. Playing not just her team but subbing in and playing for others with excellent character and resilience through out!
- Hazel M really growing in confidence as a performer: it is lovely to see.
- Mia M - for taking the time to ask how I was feeling and just being awesome!
- Cavell J for taking ownership of his learning.
- Noah 8a for his impressive observation, analytical approach and question regarding "working smarter, not harder".
- Jeremiah M-G, for participating so well in English.
- Patrick S year 10 to his dedication to expanding his writing in Spanish and accelerating his learning.
- Aylisia C Y8 - Has made such an amazing first impression in History class. Consistently working hard and striving to produce her best work. Well done
- 10C and 10D music - I covered both of these classes today and it has been a joy to see how much progress they have all made since year 9. They all have a real love for the subject.
- Amie Hannon for a mature conversation and for trying to come up with solutions to problems.



STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- Ali B Y10 - For volunteering to read out loud in our History lesson. It was a large extract with tier 3 vocab and he read it BEAUTIFULLY!
- Shout out to Breffy Yr8 for a really focused start and throughout for a presentation regarding computing careers. I am super proud of the way he has listened and is currently working in class.
- Amalie B (8) beautiful watercolour butterfly
- 7a/Ma Res - Achieving good progress in their end of Spring 2 Assessment. Leo T, Ethan J, Phoebe L, Jack W, Molly W, Lexi H, Tiya B, Oscar D, Tegan M, Jahvantaye G, Robyn A, Georgia D, Taine C, Evie F.
- A Huge thank you to Lily P, Jessica W and Alicia W for helping with the Acts of Kindness project, selling sweet cones.
- Miia Tan (11) for some excellent maths note taking
- Savanna R Y9 - she has been coaching students at Keston Primary after school in her spare time & they have made it into the finals with the help of her coaching.
- Preston C - problem solving extraordinaire
- Ria A - For making an amazing carrot cupcake
- YR 10 - Aidan A, Stan K, Joshua H, Hansel E, Dylan W and Riley TS for representing the school so amazingly last Friday during our trip to Croydon College. The boys were so polite, showed interest and asked lots of questions during our tour.
- Callum W for achieving the top score in his Maths test. Well done and keep up the great work.
- Well done to Delilah R (7) for working hard in all her lessons
- Rebecca S for her dedication, creativity, and strong work ethic in textiles. Her focus in lessons and attention to detail is just wonderful.
- Ruby C, Ella B, Joseph C, Jack C and Kosi S for always putting in the effort, always being beautifully behaved and always working hard. A genuine pleasure to teach.
- Shout out to Ishaani S, who as Head Girl of her Gujarati School hosted a wonderful evening of dance, culture and music. She delivered her speech and sang for the show in 2 languages and even had time to encourage all the guests in a final dance!
- Soph B and Tillie HS - Congratulations to both for submitting their artwork for the Fourth Plinth Art Competition. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud of their creativity, effort, and confidence.
- Shout out to 8B for lining up after break in such an orderly manner.
- Holly D for being an IT wizard and helping everyone set up iPads
- Year 11 Spanish: Fabian W, Gabriella P, Alfie W, Hari W, Sam D, Ho Yin L, Krystle M, Alasdair M, Luke G, Zanna WS: they were incredible in the intervention doing Spanish speed dating, taking very seriously the preparation for the speaking GCSE. I am very proud of them!
- Ruby D and Mia M for fantastic participation and reading during PSHE lesson
- Keanu W Yr 11 - really conscientious and helpful all the time, a real gentleman
- Maya B, Hannah G and Mayyam G for an excellent answer to an economic impact of river flooding GCSE question
- Rowan C for attending his Maths lesson.
- Kitty and Aylena for arriving at 7:10 to do Textiles coursework and being the last to leave at 4:30, dedicated to the core
- Zanna WS Yr 11- really mature and understanding conversation around pronouns and preferred name and then supported me by handing out books and collecting in booklets.
- Korey T-H year 11 - for becoming so confident in spoken Spanish, memorising phrases quickly and using them in practice.
- Shout out to Lilian 8BRig for overcoming a lack of confidence and reading in front of class following encouragement.
- Pixie and Ava M working hard in drama and giving an awesome performance.
- Also, rehearsing at lunch and impressing in their band skills lesson with Amelia S on vocals, Pixie on Keys and Ava on Drums - they are a super band!
- Elsie Gomez and Jeriah Nsiala for changing up a gear in Music since parents' evening.
- Angela W – Year 9 - Beautiful work in Textiles, showing excellent attention to detail.
- Oliver C – Year 9, exceptional focus and precision in his hand embroidery work.

STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- Oscar S year 8 - for stepping up for he's friend when he was down and giving a helping hand
- Tegan M for great Science work
- Taine C for a great STEM presentation
- Lottie H for a great STEM presentation and presenting in front of the class
- 8b Rigour for fantastic STEM presentations. Good speaking and research
- Jeremiah M-G also with a amazing STEM presentation
- Lucas C for being early for Maths 8am Club, ready to make the most progress he can
- Prathiksh R Y9 - I have just had my mentor group (and other year 9s) tell me about the AMAZING ducking, dodging and diving in the dodgeball interhouse! Well done dodgeball superstar!! Everyone was very impressed!
- George N, Amber C, Krystle M, Kaylee L, Lilly W and Annushka D - Excellent effort in lesson and interventions, really pushing yourselves in this final stretch of year 11! I am so proud of you all
- 8b/Ma Rig - Achieving good progress in their end of Spring 2 Assessment. Sienna S, Harry C, Soph B, Reyhan M, Dominic A, Reu'ven T, Lucas S, Vilyan V, Holly B, Thijs F, Chloe B, Christopher M, Jess W, Grace M,
- 9a/Ma Rig - Achieving good progress in their end of Spring 2 Assessment. Julianna A, Luca A, Oliver C, Leora C, Charlie E, Caelum M, Harry M, Kaaya P, Leo R, Prathiksh R, Jasmine R, Philip R, Harry S, Kitty S, Seren S, Finn S, Sophie W.
- Lucas C and Lilly W for attend 8am club 5 days in a row - determination shining through.
- Jaiden-Lee H for his kindness and empathy towards another student. He showed real maturity.
- Zanna WS for having the confidence to correct a mistake I made in front of a large group of students, done with confidence and really maturely.



Year	Name
7	Lois Elsey
8	<u>Mahli Maslen</u>
9	Ella Patel and Jasmine Lockley
10	Lily Stern
11	San Mohammed

Useful Links



SEND YEAR GROUP LINKS

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's SEN, please reach out to your Year Group Link.

Year 7 Jane.Williams@oasiscoulsdon.org

Year 9 Shaun.Lincoln@oasiscoulsdon.org

Year 8 Uzma.Khan@oasiscoulsdon.org

Year 10 Grace.Brouder@oasiscoulsdon.org

Year 11 Vikki.Gillman@oasiscoulsdon.org