

Staying Connected

Oasis
:community learning

Every Oasis Academy is linked to 2 countries where Oasis works, with a primary and secondary partner country.

Through these partnerships staff, students and the whole community are able to build relationships with the wider Oasis family.

How do Academies stay connected to the global projects?

At Oasis Academy Enfield students had been studying the modular theme of Africa. In order to bring their learning to life, a day of activities based around African countries was organised. The day involved students working in groups to research the lives, smell and taste of other countries.

Students tasted African food, had webcam conversations with Morocco and Mogadishu, and Skype conversations with Oasis Mozambique, Oasis South Africa and Oasis Uganda.

The Oasis Global Team took part in a Year 10 Zimbabwe Day at Oasis Academy Coulsdon. Michelle Briers (Global Projects Team Leader) invited along Andy Johnson (who worked with Oasis Zimbabwe until January 2009) to share his personal experiences of living there and working at the projects.

The students really enjoyed handling the Zimbabwean Dollars that Andy brought with him and couldn't believe that his large wad of 10 million dollars was not enough to buy a loaf of bread!

As a surprise reward for winning the Bristol Schools competition the Oasis Academy Brightstowe Netball team went to visit some of the Oasis USA projects. As well as some sightseeing, the girls spent their time working with the homeless and disadvantaged people in Los Angeles.

"Before I went, I was looking forward to going to the beaches but I was surprised to find the best bit was working with the disadvantaged people." – Ellie Tomkins, 15

All of the Academies are competing in a Christmas card competition, where the winning design will be produced and sold by the Jacobs Well Project in Mumbai, India.

Academy staff have already been out to visit Oasis India, Oasis Uganda and Oasis USA.

In turn, staff from Oasis South Africa, Oasis Bangladesh and Oasis India have travelled to the UK to visit their partner Academies.