

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. I can't quite believe that we are at the end of Term 1 already and am delighted to share with you a selection of some of the fantastic stuff that has taken place this term! Six weeks ago, we welcomed 10 new staff members and 180 Year 7's – seeing everyone in the Academy every day, it feels like our new joiners have been part of our family for forever! Everyone has settled in incredibly well and they have quickly learnt the routines of Oasis John Williams. We are particularly proud of the way that our community has embraced our daily mobile phone collection, we have noticed a dramatic difference around the school, and I want to thank you for supporting this change.

Congratulations to all those involved in our school performance of Buggy Malone, which is actually the first show we have been able to host since the pandemic! I had the pleasure of attending last night and am so proud of every single person who contributed to the show – it really was a fantastic evening, with so much talent on display! If you haven't seen it yet there are still tickets available for tonight and tomorrow on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/oasis-john-williams-53836937893>

Can I also thank you for completing the students and parent/carer surveys – we will be using this information to tweak and refine what we do so that we can provide the best offer possible to our young people. We received over 620 student responses and 230 parent/carer responses. We will feed back the findings from both surveys and will share our responses to the information gathered early next term.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to the Academy on Learning Mentor Evening last Thursday to talk about how Term 1 has gone for your child. On page four you can find a summary of the key dates for the rest of this year.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31 October.

Best Wishes

**Victoria Boomer-Clark Executive Principal**



## Student & Sport Leaders

Congratulations to all our Year 11 Student and Sports Leaders.

After an interview process we are pleased to announce our new Student & Sports Leaders. We are incredibly proud of what you have achieved and look forward to seeing what you accomplish over the next year.



- Head Students**  
Courtney Kizza & Katie Beech
- Deputy Head Students**  
Charlotte Collins & Nehal Tumia
- Year 10 Student Leaders**  
Amelia Davies & Abigail Brain
- Year 9 Student Leaders**  
Mikey Moss & Ava Hilton
- Year 8 Student Leaders**  
Lexi McKechnie & Thomas Culverhouse
- Year 7 Student Leaders**  
Oliwia Klimowska & Mitchell Evans
- Inclusion Student Leader**  
Lucy Grigg
- Deputy Inclusion Student Leader**  
Peps Kinloch

- Sports Leaders**  
Lilly-May Jeffrey, Olivia Cooper, Livvy Flowers, Oscar Perkowski, Jess Annear & Joe Powell

## Year 10 Green Futures Trip

This term saw our group of budding Year 10 environmentalists headed to Skyline Park in Brislington to spend the day with local creative agency PYTCH. Students spent the day exploring how a company involved in the arts promotes sustainability and were guided around the futuristic studios, taking part in challenges as they went.

Whilst PYTCH may not be a household name just yet, many of you will have read about them as the Brislington-based company hit the news in 2021

when they transported a Boeing 747 down the motorway. This famous aircraft formed part of the experience, as well as a visit to the company's impressive videos.

This was the second employer trip for our Green Futures cohort, with them having visited Burgess Salmon back in June. Next up is a presentation for younger students on the importance of sustainability, and a trip to UWE in December to attend a Green Careers convention.





# Year 11 Mock Interviews

## Geography Field Trip

Geography Students in Year 11 were taken to Bristol Harbourside on Thursday 13 October to help prepare for their upcoming fieldwork exam, which is an essential component for the GCSE examination. The students were given a questionnaire to ask members of the general public their thoughts on how successful the regeneration of the Harbourside has been. Students also completed an environmental quality survey.

The Geography team were very impressed with the engagement of students throughout the day and are incredibly proud of how well the students represented OAJW when conducting their fieldwork and approaching people to ask for questionnaire responses.



On Tuesday 11 October we welcomed 30 volunteers from a variety of industries and backgrounds to support our Year 11 students in the daunting task of mock interviews. After experiencing the mock interview process back in April, students seemed much more confident and prepared this time, which turned out was the case.

The mock interview day is always a highlight of the careers calendar and many of our young people came into the

theatre feeling nervous and a little apprehensive, but left feeling confident that they had impressed their interviewer with their professionalism and articulation.

With work experience and Post-16 plans heavy on the agenda, students spoke confidently about their achievements and were able to explain their future plans. Hopefully this whole experience has further developed their maturity and confidence and will help them prepare for real life interviews.



## THE BIG CLEAN UP

This term seen our very first Big Clean Up! Students, parents and staff all gave up their own time on Saturday 15 October to help clear the academy of all litter. In just a matter of hours we managed to fill 10 bags of rubbish. The team spirit to get the job done was over whelming and a huge thank you goes out to everyone involved.

It is now everyone's responsibility to keep our Academy grounds looking sparkling!



Within the Food Preparation and Nutrition Department this term we have been busy with a range of practical tasks where the students have produced brilliant quality dishes.

One of the many recipes students were taught was how to make a homemade pasta dish, producing different varieties including tagliatelle, farfalle and ravioli.

Well done to all and keep up the great work!

**Mr Mills - Head of Food Preparation and Nutrition**





## South Bristol Schools Festival

The Year 9 Netball girls displayed an incredible range of skills, not only physically but through their team work, resilience and communication during the South Bristol Schools Festival.

They won 3 matches and drew 2 meaning they placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall, heading through to the next round to compete against the Central and North Bristol Schools.



## Year 7 Girls Rugby Team

The team had an excellent performance at the Bristol Schools Tournament. Eight schools competed and the girls took second place, winning silver medals and certificates.



Shout out to the Hurley twins, Rosie and Gracie as well as Olivia for excellent leadership on the day.

## State School Cup

The Year 9 Rugby boys are flying through the rounds of the State School Cup, onwards and upwards to the second round! Well done boys and good luck for the next game!

## Bugsy Malone

This week students' have been treading the boards in an all-singing, all-dancing production of Bugsy Malone. After a nearly three-year covid hiatus, it was truly heart-warming to see students take to the stage and put on such an incredible performance.

Highlights included the iconic splurge gun fights, the hilarious detective duo Smolsky and O'Dreary, a beautiful solo performance and showgirls who brought glamour and glitz

to the evening's show.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all staff who helped to support the production and made it all a reality. Finally, we would like to say congratulations to all students involved in the production. They truly rose to the occasion and have shown such dedication, energy, teamwork and camaraderie throughout the process. Your hard work was astounding!



## Non Uniform Day

Tomorrow, **21 October 2022**, we are having a Non-Uniform Day to raise money for 'Off the Record'. This is an incredible Bristol charity that provides free support for some of our students.

Please make your £1 donation via MCAS.



### LOST PROPERTY

All lost items will be put on Reception every Friday after school.

Items not collected will be disposed of or donated to charity





## KEY DATES 2022 - 2023

<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 31 October	Start of Term 2
	Monday 7- Wednesday 16 November	Year 11 Mock Exams
	Thursday 15 December	Years 7 - 9 Flu Vaccinations
	Friday 16 December	End of Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 3 January	Inset Day
	Wednesday 4 January	Start of Term 3
	Wednesday 11 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
	Tuesday 31 January	Year 8 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 2 February	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
	Monday 6 - Friday 10 February	Year 11 Mock Exams
	Friday 10 February	End of Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 20 February	Start of Term 4
	Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 February	Year 11 Mock Exams
	Thursday 9 March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	Friday 10 March	Inset Day
	Wednesday 22 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
	Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 March	Year 10 Mini Assessments
	Friday 31 March	End of Term 4
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 17 April	Start of Term 5
	Thursday 27 April	Year 10 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 4 May	Year 9 Meningitis Vaccinations
	Monday 15 - Friday 26 May	Year 11 GCSE Exams
	Friday 26 May	End of Term 5
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 5 June	Start of Term 6
	Monday 5 - Friday 16 June	Year 11 GCSE Exams
	Monday 19 -Thursday 22 June	Y7 - 10 End of Year Exams
	Friday 23 June	Inset Day
	Monday 26 June - Tuesday 4 July	Y7 - 10 End of Year Exams
	Monday 3 - Thursday 6 July	Year 10 Work Experience
	Thursday 6 July	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
	Friday 14 July	Celebration Assemblies
	Tuesday 18 July	Sports Day
	Wednesday 19 July	Annual Awards
	Thursday 20 July	End of Term 6
	Friday 21 July	Inset Day