

Academy Leadership Team Message

With all that is going on in the world at the moment we thought that keeping our Lister Life publication going was a good way to help us all keep in touch, spread good news and deliver information. I was so excited when a few of our students contacted Mrs Ali to see if they could get involved with Lister Life and start to write a 'Student Section'. So, breaking with tradition, from now on our Lister Life will be three pages rather than two, with a page every issue dedicated to student voice and student comments. I want to say a huge thank you to Atyab Mohammed who is the editor of the student section and who is going to be working closely with Miss Harrison to get our Lister Life issues full of news, views and up to date information for you to read. If you yourselves have anything you feel would be of interest and relevance to Lister Life, please send your contributions to admin@oasislisterpark.org and we will do our best to include them. I know the past few weeks have been extremely difficult for all of us and none of us know when we will return to normality. I want to say once again that Oasis Academy Lister Park is here for everyone. If you need support, care or feel vulnerable in any way please contact the school by visiting the website or calling our safeguarding numbers on page 2. Keep safe everyone.

Mrs Siân Dover, Associate Principal

The Student Investor Challenge



A team of Year 13 students from Oasis Academy Lister Park competed in the national Semi finals of the Student Investor Challenge, beating over 9000 teams from schools around the UK and abroad to get there.

The Student Investor Challenge is an online investment simulation for students aged 14-19 years old. It aims to improve financial capability and encourage engagement with the finance sector. It gives students a positive and practical experience of what it's like to invest in the real life stock market, gain teamwork skills and strengthen their maths knowledge.

'Year 13 Heroes', consisting of Amaad Abbas, Haroon Ahmed, Haseeb Ul-Haq and Samir Sarfraz successfully invested virtual money and came 159th after the first round of trading. The top 500 teams then progressed to the semi-finals.

The students did exceptionally well in the semi finals, which lasted four weeks. In the last week on the Monday they were in 2nd place and had a real chance of making the final. Stocks that week were the most volatile in 30 years and it was almost impossible to predict what would happen. They ended up finishing in 67th place but still beat thousands of teams from across the country. A huge well done to the Year 13 Heroes!

Rooted

Seven female students from our academy took part in the Rooted programme, a new, dynamic and ambitious project that seeks to support, equip and encourage teenage girls. This year the student

s taking part all had English as an additional language. Although the program ended earlier than scheduled, the girls from Year 8 and 9 shared with us that they enjoyed it and it had a positive impact on them.

The activities were outdoors, in a woodland setting around Bradford. The first half of the programme has been focused around Understanding and Valuing Self. Each session has included physical play, eating together, repetitive craft and moments to rest and reflect.

The participants began with penning down some core hopes that they have for their lives. They emphasised the importance of hope and the presence of it even when things feel challenging. They then spent some time exploring ideas around core beliefs and perspectives.

The coordinators shared with the girls some practical tools to break patterns of behaviour, using some simple CBT practices and encouraged them to try and find ways of responding differently to situations that feel negative and cyclic.

In the last week they enjoyed making some lovely things together to emphasise how vital it is that people care for themselves and think of things they can do that demonstrate their self-worth and value.

The organisers shared their thoughts about our students. They said: "It has been a real privilege to be a part of the girls' journeys however short and fleeting and we hope we have made a small impact on their lives. We have found them to be full of energy, humour and life and thoroughly enjoyed building relationships. They are wonderful young women and we long for them to have bright futures, but are aware of some of the challenges they are individually facing".

Sport Relief

During our sport relief event, which was cut down to three days from six, we managed to raise a massive £252.49, our target was £250! Each day there was an enormous buzz down in the PE department, with students excited to take part in different activities. All of the students were very giving, with some donating without taking part! It was a heart-warming couple of days in the department, seeing our students wanting to help those less fortunate.



UKMT Maths Challenge 2020 :

Congratulations to our KS4 students Daniyal Akram, Amina Akther, Hassan Ali, Amina Begum, Naseema Begum, Abu-Huraira Idrees, Adam Khan, Aisha Malik, Tayyib Sadiq, Sumaiyah Sultana, Mamoon Umar, Atyab Mohammed, Joanna Djedje and Sajida Ema.

In February, they took part in this year's UKMT National Intermediate Maths Challenge, comprising of a one hour test paper in which to attempt a series of challenging questions designed to encourage mathematical curiosity, problem solving and strategy.

It is only our second year running for this competition, but doubled our participation from last year and included some Year 10s, too!

PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHALLENGE

Further details and past papers can be found at: www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/solo/intermediate-mathematical-challenge

Performing Arts Awards

The Performing Arts department have launched the Distance Learning Awards for students who have submitted excellent work, made an excellent effort, been resilient with their learning or creative. Some of our winners are below, with the examples of their good learning.

Aysha Hussain Year 8: Excellent Effort Award

Saniya Hussain Year 9: Excellent Progress Award

Yusef Hussain Year 12: Excellent Progress Award

You can see examples of the work our winners have completed by visiting the 'News' section of our website.

Well done to all our winners!

Mrs Brown and Miss Emery



COVID-19 Related Scams

West Yorkshire Trading Standards have reported an increase in COVID-19 related scams in our area.

To keep yourself and your family safe, please regularly check the news section on our academy website www.oasisacademylisterpark.org and our Facebook page, as we keep you updated with important information.

We also have a support and guidance page to help you with any issues you may be experiencing during this difficult time: www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/community/covid-19-support-and-guidance



Safeguarding Awareness

During this difficult time we hope that you and your families are safe and well. Please make sure that you follow the steps below to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you do go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.

Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need any support please contact Mrs Malik on 07971487677 or Mr Taylor on 07487639925.

If you are suffering from any bereavement/separation and loss or any other emotional symptoms, please contact Mrs Wainwright on 07970963838.

If your personal details change, such as your address or telephone number, please notify the Academy immediately at admin@oasislisterpark.org

Listen Life: from the students

Hello everyone,

It is no new news to anybody reading this that our whole country has been put on lockdown and everybody's lives have been irrevocably changed! People across the nation have lost their jobs, universities and school have closed down and most shockingly, the whole of the economy has seemingly frozen, bringing our country to a standstill.

However, that's not the end of the story. As always, there is positivity in everything that happens. In a beautiful act of solidarity, the people of this country have committed some extraordinary feats of bravery. In just a short while, 750,000 people volunteered to help the NHS, surpassing the planned amount of 250,000 - 3 times the amount originally called. People are united across the globe, coming together in a beautiful symphony to clap for the key workers who put their lives on the line to help us. Therefore, although we are experiencing hard times and the circumstances are far from ideal – there is lots to learn and reflect on during this time of physical and perhaps emotional self-isolation. Patience, optimism and resilience – the many values we uphold in OALP and now in our subsequent communities and homes!

There is no room for negativity and pessimism, when there are many things to praise and take pride in. Personally, in my house, it has been extremely difficult. I have had family members move back due to their universities closing and had so much time that I have no idea what to do with it. So, in order to distract and busy myself, I have done a number of things. I tried to organise some 'family activities', granted that it rarely works but, at the very least, it's a good laugh. I've been watching more Netflix as of recent, as many other people have been as well. I have been reading a lot more, which I encourage the world to do more of! If you have all this time, try to do something new. I've had more time to sleep and wake up late to do my school work later on in the day, which I am now realising does not need teachers so 2021, ban the teachers?

On a serious note, we have to praise our teachers at OALP who are still working from home or still in school on the frontline looking after our vulnerable fellow students. These people deserve our blessings and lots of accolade. Our headteacher, Mrs Dover is working tirelessly with the NHS and our community to give, give, give. She is our hero!

Stay upbeat everyone, you are not alone!

Atyab Mohammed

Student advice and the benefits of quarantine

"We took normal life for granted, socialising, going out and even praying at the mosque. We always hoped school would close but didn't realise how much it would affect us. I am confident that this is a hardship we will overcome" - Yusuf Ali

"Youtube and Netflix is what you need in times like these" - Joanna Djedje

"I get more sleep now and I can take my own time to understand lessons, working at my own pace" - Maisha Ali

"In these very trying circumstances, it feels as though the world is becoming a worse place day by day. However, stay hopeful and distract yourself away from the pandemic! We WILL get through this together" - Malikah Mahmood

"I've had more time to sleep, focus on myself and spend time with family" - Safiyyah Ali

"I hope we're out of this soon but in the meantime everyone can learn a new skill?! Revise for when you're back in school and STAY AT HOME. I've learnt some sign language!" - Itsham Ali

"At this moment as our lives have paused we are all urged to live in the present and appreciate the blessings we tend to overlook. I have learnt that nothing is certain and therefore value my time better" - Nahyaab Hussain

"I've been searching for a time where I can read and spend more time with my family, and now I have it!" - Mohammad Burhaan

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