

Academy Leadership Team Message

I hope that you were all able to enjoy some relaxed time and enjoy the weather over the half term break. Perhaps the return to cooler and wetter weather has helped our students to refocus on their home learning tasks this week. We are all hoping that some warmer sunnier weather is not too far away so that we can benefit properly from the slight easing of some of the restrictions.

This week the senior team have been working hard on plans for what might be involved in the partial return of our Year 10 and 12 students later this month. Year 10 and 12 families have already been contacted and a letter put on the website earlier in the week, but we will be in touch further as the week goes on.

The recent events surrounding the murder of George Floyd at the hands of police in the USA have understandably caused a great deal of anger and anguish amongst our community and beyond; including our students. As an academy we condemn all acts of racism and recognise the pain and suffering historical and current racism has caused for generations of BAME people in the UK. We know this includes our own students and we strive to challenge and change this.

Please make sure you keep yourselves and your families safe. Please stay at home and make sure you socially distance and wash your hands frequently through the day to protect yourselves and our community. Take care everyone.

Mrs Siân Dover, Associate Principal

Sumdog Maths Competition

Oasis Community Learning and Sumdog have partnered to bring the first ever Multi Academy Trust National Maths contest from 5th June until 11th June 2020. The contest is open to pupils in Years 7 and 8 with classes, individuals and even regions celebrated throughout the competition and at the end with amazing prizes!

What is a Sumdog contest?

- Pupils enter by playing any of the 20+ Sumdog games, using a computer, smartphone or tablet
- Questions are tailored to each child's level, meaning children in Year 1 can compete against their peers in Year 8
- Pupils answer questions as accurately as they can during the course of a week. One hours play is sufficient to get a good score

Prizes

- The overall 1st place class will receive a Sumdog trophy and medals
 - Top 3 pupils will receive an app store voucher, either for Android or iOS
 - The top class each day will receive a printable daily winner certificate (a class can only be the Daily winner once during the contest).
 - All pupils who have answered 100 questions will receive a virtual item for their Sumdog house. This item will be delivered automatically as a gift to their account
- The top 10 pupils overall will receive a printable certificate

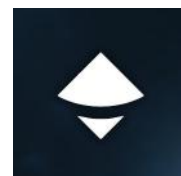


Your maths teacher will have sent out your login information, check your **child's** email for further details.

Solitude by ERON

One of our fantastic students, Erik Ondic, has created a composition whilst in lockdown, click here to listen to Solitude by ERON: <https://soundcloud.com/officialeron/solitude>

You can read about how he composed this on our website: <https://www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/.../p.../solitude-by-eron>



Listen Life: from the students



BLACK LIVES MATTER



On May 25th in Minneapolis, a 46-year old man was accused of buying cigarettes with a counterfeit \$20 bill. Seventeen minutes later, for this crime, this man was murdered by police.

Black Lives Matter.

I am not saying that other lives do not matter. I am saying that for all lives to matter, black lives have to matter too. I ask you this question: how many stories have you heard; pictures have you gazed upon; videos you watched; where you have heard the same story again and again and again? A racist police officer unjustly attacks, beats and kills a black person. We hear the same story. Every. Single. Time. Are you not sick of it as well? Do you not feel that your blood boils? Do you not feel an overwhelming amount of rage that someone can have their whole life ended, something so precious as an existence ended, because of the colour of their skin?

We should all be outraged. We should all be outraged that the mere colour of someone's skin stops them from achieving basic human rights. Having a right to life and liberty is something we should lay down our fundamentals on, not pleaded for whilst abuse is hurled by the people who swear to protect.

Isn't it funny that no baby is born racist, yet every baby cries when they hear the cries of another, no matter the race. No child was ever born to discriminate. No, its a man-made concept, a taught attribute, to discriminate someone by the colour of their skin. And why are they taught this, well I blame the lack of education. Nobody ever taught us about race, nobody ever had open discussions about why some people are afraid to even be in their own school, nobody ever said that mind-sets you grow up with are incorrect.

So, this is why I now pass on the duty of educating a young population to institutions like schools. It is your responsibility as teachers to educate your students on discrimination in the real world, educate them that society does not care about their intelligence, but disregards them because of the colour of their skin or even the sounds of their name. In a conducted experiment of 3200 fake, but identical, job applications based solely on names (Asian/Black/White sounding names), White British applicants received a 24% call back. With the same experience but a different sounding name, to achieve the same call back rate, Pakistani-sounding names had to send 70% more applications and Middle Eastern/North African names 90% more applications. So, when someone tells you that Black/Asian people have to genuinely work twice as hard, there is proof. I am confident that the school will make the correct decision in addressing the injustices in society and instil a sense of dedication and focus into their students, helping them to be the ones solving the injustices in our system as future young leaders.

On a personal note, to all my fellow students and friends reading, this is our responsibility. As much as someone can educate us and give us resources, it is ultimately our responsibility to make change, it is our responsibility to help each other, it is our obligation to stand in solidarity with our black brothers and sisters. Oppression is not a competition. If now is the time that black people have a global platform, we are with them all the way. If one of us is represented, all of us are represented.

"In a racist society, it is not enough to not be non-racist, we must be anti-racist" - Angela Davis.

HOW TO HELP

DONATE

Black Lives Matter Global Network : https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019

Reclaim the Block:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/zae4prEeKESHBBy0MKXTIcQ2>

National Police Accountability project:

<https://www.nlg-npap.org/donate/>

SIGN PETITIONS

Petition for Breonna Taylor who was unjustly shot 8 times by police : <https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor>

Make Britain's history of Colonialism and Imperialism part of the curriculum: <https://www.change.org/p/gavin-williamson-mp-teach-british-children-about-the-realities-of-british-imperialism-and-colonialism>

Justice for Belly Mujinga – a train worker- who contracted covid-19 after being spat at <https://www.change.org/p/govia-thameslink-justice-for-belly-mujinga>

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