

Lister Life



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Academy Leadership Team Message

We have had another action packed half term at Oasis Academy Lister Park. Our Year 7 students have settled in well and are all getting used to the systems and structures of a secondary school environment. They had a fantastic day at Nell Bank Outdoor Activity Centre earlier this month and the feedback from the staff there was that our students were polite, considerate and self-controlled; it's good to see some of our 9 habits are being recognised in how our students operate.

On Thursday this week our Year 8 students took part in an enterprise challenge day through their REACH day programme. It was great to see them gain confidence and stand up in front of their whole year group to present the work they did.

Many of our older students are preparing for their upcoming mock exams. Staff are busy preparing students for these and making sure they are 'exam ready'. On Friday 18th October all of our staff went to Oasis Academy Oldham for the Regional Conference. With over 1000 Oasis staff there, we learnt about the priorities of the Trust for the coming year and had the opportunity to network with other colleagues and attend workshops to share good practice.

I hope you all have a well deserved and peaceful half term and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Siân Dover - Associate Principal

Design and Technology Interventions

Year 11 Art, Design & Technology interventions will begin after half term every Thursday after school from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. These will be compulsory for students who need to complete coursework in preparation for their impending controlled assessments in the new year.

Graphics (JHT) in G14

3D Design (JS) in G13

Fine Art (LG) in G09



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD

Friday 18th October was Developmental Language Disorder Day! Have you heard of DLD?

DLD is a lifelong communication disorder, which

affects the language development of children and young people. In the early years of primary education, it can be easy to spot, as children with DLD will find it difficult to follow instructions and create spoken sentences. They often have difficulties with literacy, learning and friendships. However, by secondary school most young people with DLD have developed their language to a conversational level, so it's not immediately obvious.

At Oasis Academy Lister Park we have a special unit (DSP) to support students with Developmental Language Disorder. The students have additional sessions outside of lessons which consist of additional English and Maths, Social Communication and Speech and Language Therapy. But for most of their time in school they are in mainstream classrooms. This inclusive approach is better for them to develop into well rounded adults.

Bradford Manufacturing Week

Our Year 9 students have taken part in the Annual Bradford Manufacturing Week where they were given the opportunity to visit a number of workplaces in the Manufacturing industry. Launched by Bradford Chamber of Commerce and coordinated by career specialists Aspire-iGen, Bradford Manufacturing Weeks bring manufacturers, schools, young people and parents together through tours, work experience, seminars, exhibitions and learning events held at manufacturer premises and key locations across the district.



Oasis Academy students visited Solenis - a leading global manufacturer of specialty chemicals and Ernest Cummins — a leading commercial printing specialist, both of which are located here in Bradford. Students experienced the world of work and had the opportunity to see

manufacturing in action. Compliments of the students' engagement and behaviour was made by each organisation, which was great to hear.



Extra Curricular Activities

At OALP we offer a large variety of extra curricular activities for all of our students. These activities can help you to:

- Find new interests
- Improve your health
- Improve your self esteem

- Develop new skills
- Improve your grades
- Make new friends

- Meet new people
- Improve your social skills

Our PE department runs a number of clubs; these include basketball, badminton, dance, football, boxing and cricket.

If you don't wish to join a sports club, we also have music clubs which include guitar and bass, drums, vocals, keyboard and steel pans.

Or if you just want to relax with your friends, our variety club is running every Tuesday after school.

Activities include quizzes, puzzles, board games, lego and game show. For more information about this club, you can speak to Miss Kaur or Mrs Ahmed.

To see our full extra curricular timetables, please visit www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/curriculum/extra-curricular-clubs

Community Hub

Our Community Hub is run within OALP, however it is open to all members of the community - not just those associated with our academy.

Keep an eye out for upcoming exciting events that you, your family, friends and neighbours can take part in.

Visit the academy website at www.oasisacademylisterpark.org to keep updated with everything that is going on!

Attendance is the Key to Success

Did you know: a child who is absent for one day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.



Best tutor groups in each year group W/C 14th October:

Well done 7ABI (97.2%), 8CEY (100%), 9RR (100%), 10LCW (100%) and 11ASY (98.7%)

Well Done Year 7!

Our Year 7s have made a great start with us this half term! It's wonderful to see them gaining confidence and becoming more familiar with our systems and structure.

We had a fantastic visit to Nell Bank; I enjoyed spending quality time with my year group and once again, the staff were really impressed with our students.

We also had a successful Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening. It was lovely to see so many parents chatting with form tutors to find out how their child had settled in to secondary school life with us. Our Academic Parents Evening will follow later in the year and you will receive a letter about this nearer the time.

I hope Year 7 have a lovely, well deserved and safe half term break!

Mrs Mackenzie-Jones

Year 7 Achievement Leader/In Charge of Transition

Safeguarding Awareness

Are you worried about anything? Are you worried about someone else? Do you need someone to talk to? A problem shared is a problem halved. If you need to talk to someone, please do not hesitate to contact the Emotional Wellbeing Centre for support and guidance. Our team is made up of:

Mrs Wainwright – Emotional Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator and also Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Malik - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Taylor – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

