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@OasisListerPark

17th December 2021

A message from our Leadership Team

It feels like a long time since September. Across this term our students have got used to year group meetings every morning and using their iPads regularly for learning. Both these things have really helped to develop the culture of learning and the pupil's independence in their work.

We have had highlights including trips to theme parks and theatres, sports competition victories and charity work in our community. We have also again felt the difficulty of COVID and the restrictions it places on us. When we return back in January the government is asking all secondary pupils to be tested for COVID and we ask you to get involved in this so we can make sure our school community is as safe as possible for students, staff and their families. If you're a parent we need you to give consent for your children to be tested and if you're a student we need you to attend the testing on Tuesday 4th January.

As we approach the Christmas break we'd like to wish you a happy and restful time with your families across the holiday. Our students have been involved in several charity events in recent weeks, collecting for presents for the salvation army, cooking for a foodbank and helping support refugees in our community. We hope they continue with this spirit of giving and generosity over Christmas, they stay safe and come back ready to learn in the new year.

Mr Wrangles - Deputy Principal



Safeguarding Message

We understand this is a difficult time for many families in our community. We regularly update our website with contact details for agencies that can help you with your mental health, foodbanks and many other types of support. For more information, please contact the academy by phone or email.

ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

1 day off school = 5 lessons
3 days off school = 15 lessons
1 week off school = 25 lessons

Even 99-97% attendance can seriously impact outcomes, confidence and personal development

#MissSchollMissOut

CURRENT VACANCIES

**Letting Operative
Invigilators**

**For more information head over to
www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/vacancies**

ATTENDANCE

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OUR STUDENT GOAL

“At OALP I developed strong moral habits, achieved exceptional outcomes that enabled me to have a happy, healthy and successful life”

MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following forms with the most improved attendance in their year group:

7DHN
8ERL
9FBC
10AFR
11OHM
12ZPL
13AMN



Attendance



HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following forms with the highest attendance in their year group:

7PCL
8AAI
9LCW
10WAL
11AMB
12ZPL
13AMN

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

ANY STUDENTS WITH ATTENDANCE OF 96% OR ABOVE BETWEEN 15/11/21 AND THE END OF TERM HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN SOME EXCITING CELEBRATIONS IN THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM.

At Oasis Academy Lister Park we encourage pupils to strive for excellence. For a pupil to achieve their full academic potential, a high level of attendance is essential.

Our attendance target is 96%. You can check your child's attendance on the MCAS app.

We thank parents for:

- **Ensuring their child is only absent from school when absolutely necessary**
- **Making medical appointments outside of school hours**

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.

**Expected attendance means
having no more than seven
days off this school year!**



STUDENT SECTION



Students Section

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 8th December 8 students from year 8, 9 & 10 represented our school in our first ever badminton competition at Bradford Forsters Academy. I am thrilled to say that we won the tournament!

After demonstrating some nerves, the students quickly settled in to the matches performing some fantastic skills. Anis Khan and Jovany Djedje started the competition off demonstrating fantastic teamwork and communication. Sandeep Singh and Saif Ur-Rehman took no prisoners and continued to play powerful and tactical shots throughout. Iman Ahmed, Arafah Rana, Maria Al-Janabi and Natasha Khan also worked extremely hard in their double's games, rotating the pairs each match. From the beginning to the end of the tournament the confidence and skill level developed tremendously. The girl's best game was winning 11-6!

Overall, the boys won a total of 10 out of 12 games and the girls won 5/8 games!!!



YEAR 13 PROGRESSION MODULE GRADUATION

On Friday 10th December we took 14 Year 13's to Leeds Beckett University for their Progression Module Graduation.

This was to celebrate the students achievements and hard work on completing the course to obtain 12 additional UCAS points. The students had a fantastic day and were extremely proud of themselves.

8 students went on to achieve the Outstanding Achievement Award for their dedication to complete the course during Covid-19 lockdown. All of us at Oasis Academy Lister Park are extremely proud of these students.



PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

REMINDER THAT PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR WILL CONTINUE FROM WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2022.

AROUND THE ACADEMY

YEAR 9

A huge well done for having a positive attitude in the first term of year 9. Everyone is doing really well in the year group meetings and on the whole being ready to learn. Having been in some lessons I have seen students doing some wonderful work and contributing to class discussions. Attendance has gradually improved but there is still a long way to go. Please can you ensure you are attending school everyday and aim for at least 97% overall. Attendance has a direct impact on achievement therefore it is vital every effort is made to attend school every day.

Well done to the following students in year 9 for representing Oasis Academy Lister Park at Badminton:

- Sandeep Singh
- Jovany DieDje
- Anis Khan

They were praised for fantastic teamwork, communication, powerful and tactical shots throughout. This is excellent and has done the school proud.

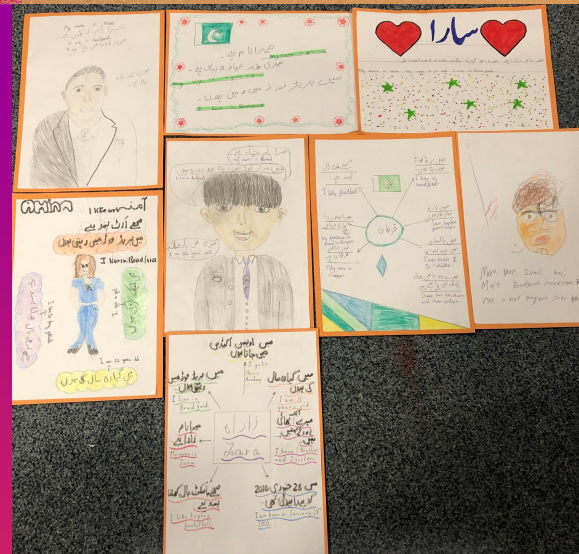
YEAR 7 URDU

This term Year 7 have been learning about 'My family, friends and I' in Urdu

GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

The Geography Department and KS4 students have been working on their field trip skills this half term with both Year 10 and Year 11 students taking a visit to Salford Quays. The students got to see one of their case studies in real life, as they have studied about the regeneration of Salford Quays in the classroom.

Students were able to see how the area has been regenerated with the addition of the trams, the Lowry Theatre and Media City, where the BBC has a large studio. The students and staff had a great trip out.



SAFEGUARDING

I would like to wish all those celebrating Christmas to have a lovely time with their family and friends, I hope you all have a Happy New Year. If you are in need of any help or support over the holidays, you can find helpful contact details on our school website. There is information on food banks, mental health and many other useful contact details that are available over the Christmas break.

If there are any urgent safeguarding concerns please follow these steps:

Consider if the child or young person is at immediate risk. If so, please contact 999

If the child or young person needs immediate support. Please contact your local CSC/MASH team on 01274 435600/437500

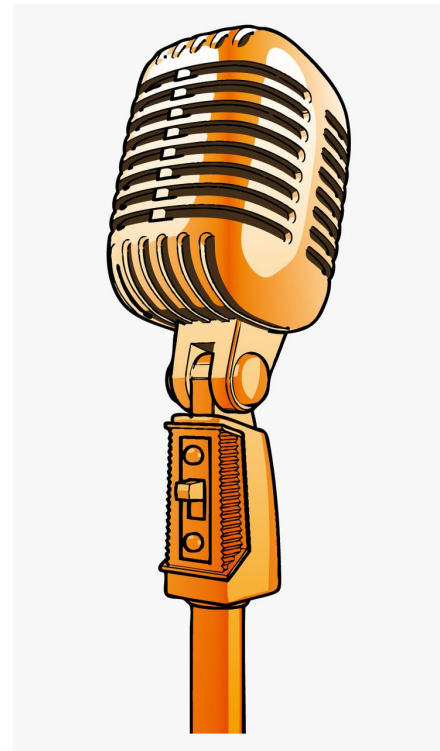
If it is urgent please phone 0207 921 4200 (oasis national line) and the person on call will be able to address your concern

Have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year
Mrs Malik (DSL) on behalf of the safeguarding team

PERFORMING ARTS

On Wednesday 1st December Year 7 performed in their very first showcase Sing up. They performed the songs they had learnt in class as well as sharing some key musical terms and singing secret. Congratulations Year 7 on an engaging and informative production.

Mrs Brown



**The Alhambra Theatre –
Sleeping Beauty
Our Year 7 students watched
the brilliant pantomime
production of Sleeping Beauty
on Wednesday 14th December.**

What I liked about the pantomime was how funny Billy Pearce was in the show I really liked when Billy was in the sleigh with Rudolph. The best part was when Dr Ranj was practising to sing to Aurora but Billy used his loud squeaky horn to disturb him.

Overall theatre was massive, scary and beautiful. It was the best day of my life.

Ali Butt

POST 16 ENTERPRISE TEAM

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AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE APPEAL 'A PLACE CALLED HOME'

The first enterprise team for OALP creating amazing opportunities for the students to enable them to gain enterprise skills such as management, finance, marketing, and customer service. A group of students are setting up events around school in the name of charity and to raise funds for their Post 16 area. The students recently set up a fundraiser to help raise money for the refugees of Afghanistan.

The team raised a total of £277 which went towards Ben Cowdrey's 'A Place called home' appeal to house and support refugees from Afghanistan. The money is being spent to support the Afghan evacuee families by housing, feeding, and providing activities.

Without hesitation our OALP students donated knowing it was for a good cause. They got pizza in return however many did not take back their change. The buzzing atmosphere may have been different to our usual break and lunchtime however there were huge smiles on students faces because it was something which lifted their spirits.



Be a STAR Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Salvation Army Christmas presents appeal. We raised just over £200 and bought toys for children of all ages from 1-16 years old.

The enterprise team students packed and delivered them to the Salvation Army Charity centre in Wibsey who will distribute to children who are currently under social care.

For the students to be part of such great causes it meets our Post 16 Oasis Habits of building good character and being part of the community



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year has indefinitely been an immense struggle; no different to the circumstances as last year - making 2021 almost feel like a repeat of the infamous 2020. We've all had our own challenges with this year, no different to any ordinary year, although it's quite evident that some people have experienced much worse than before due to the immense predicaments of this year. It's firstly, mandatory that we pay our respects to those unfortunate individuals who have experienced losses during these hard times - this has not in any way been an easy year - not to mention that it feels almost as if this new decade could be of some unorthodox, tragic curse that has plunged us into a life where we must abide by the 2-meter social distancing and mask on face rules. We are all aware of how many sports events, such as the world cup and Olympics have been postponed. Though to be frank, these past 2 years have stood out from most of the other years we've lived: I doubt that we will experience such a year as 2021 in the future. I doubt that we will experience lockdown in the future, nor anything such as this anytime later. As a result, it's important that we should look back and reflect on what's happened this year and also look forward to the future. Perhaps 2022 will be the redeeming year that many of us have tirelessly waited for. The only way how we can make such a dream a reality is by keeping our hopes high, staying productive within these 2 weeks of rest and staying kind - abiding by the Oasis 9 habits would monumentally help

To conclude this hectic year, I wish you all to stay safe during these brief holidays, working hard towards your goals and staying resilient. 2022 should hopefully be much different to the present

Happy Christmas and Chanukah to everyone celebrating. I just wanted to say that 2021 has been a year of turmoil and a year of denouncing our faith in our dreams and ambitions. It's been a rough year for many of us going through the trauma of lockdown and the heartbreak of us trying to claw out of the incessant pit of melancholia but never seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. But maturing is realising that 2022 is a year of reflection not only that but a year of re declaration to our goals and seizing every opportunity to move further in our lives. As Winston Churchill one said "a pessimist sees the difficulty in every situation and an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty"

The past 2 years have without a thought been some of the most difficult with everything going on. But realistically looking back at the past will not help us move forward unless we learn from it. Now we all have no idea what the future has planned for us, but what we do know for sure is that we have to move forward. Learning from the past and using that knowledge to help us in the future. Knowledge like masks and social distancing. But the coronavirus isn't the only thing that has changed our lives and views. We've seen crazy things from racial discrimination to sexism.

We as a community need to band together and devote our hearts to creating a safer and more enjoyable place for all of us which is something we here at the Student Leadership Team strive to do. As a personal hero of mine once said "When there's nothing to be gained, rising to the challenge at those times, is surely the mark of a true hero" To recapitulate, even when it seems that there is nothing to be gained after the crazed years that we have experienced. Now is the time where we must look forward to the future with fate in one another believing that we shall all rise to the challenge of making our community a better place for all. I've been Farhan Miah of Year 10, member of the Student Leadership Team, and I wish that we all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and look forward to the new year that awaits which has endless opportunities for us all.

COMMUNITY HUB

After 12 weeks of learning how to skate with 'All In Community Roller Derby' - our brilliant students enjoyed a roller disco for their final session. Well done girls!

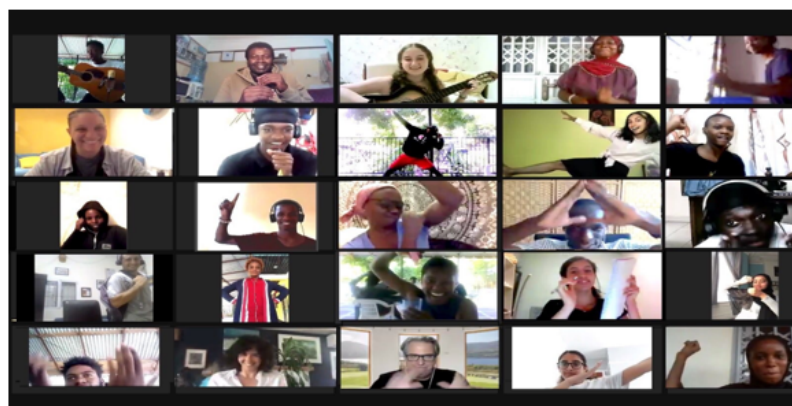


In conjunction with the charity 'Bradford for Better' our Student Leaders, Hub Councillors, Academy Staff, and local residents spent their weekend clearing an unsafe alleyway. Everyone worked together to make the space safe and that hard work paid off - the alleyway is now safe for people to use.



The Bradford Council Programme 'Bradford for Everyone' has begun a district wide initiative to promote Bradford values. During a whole school assembly our fabulous students made a 'promise' to commit and demonstrate the following four values: **Share, Respect, Care and Protect**.

5 Oasis students were selected to be part of an online international youth leadership programme 'Power of Dialogue'. They joined students from Kenya, USA, Jamaica, Israel, and Gambia to learn amazing new skills and grow as young leaders.



Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to lots of new people getting involved in the Community Hub next year.