



# Autumn 2 Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

**Please read our December update letter on the Academy website regarding return arrangements for January for all Year Groups.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we close in on the end of a very busy and successful Autumn Term, I would like to say an enormous well done to all the students and staff at Oasis Academy Don Valley, for all their hard work and effort both inside and outside of the classroom. As an Academy, we are always striving to deliver the very best possible educational experience for our students and I feel very lucky to have a team of staff that are prepared to give their all on a daily basis on behalf of the children they teach and the Academy as a whole.

It also goes without saying, that the support the students and we as an Academy receive from the Oasis Academy Don Valley families, is also critically important with regards to providing our students with every opportunity to realise their undoubted potential.

This week has seen the our primary performance and OADV's got talent. It has to be said, I felt they were all brilliant and all those involved enjoyed performing.

Please do everything within your powers to remain healthy and safe over the festive season, whilst spending lots of high-quality time with your families and loved ones.

This just leaves me to wish you all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it arrives.

Best wishes,  
James Pape, Principal

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## Attendance & Punctuality

We are delighted to have been able to celebrate our students exceptional attendance this term. Prizes have gone home with our 100% attenders and our most improved attenders (who have been chosen by Mr Pape). The Fantastic 15 competition came to a conclusion today and 15 of our students have taken home a £15 Amazon Gift voucher. The winners were chosen at random from all students who attended every day for the last 15 days. There were 660 students across the Academy who were included in the draw so well done if you were a winner!



**Congratulations to everyone who has taken home a prize today!**

Remember we celebrate exceptional attendance at the end of every term. We look forward to even more students taking part in the celebrations at the end of the Spring term.



## Secondary

Last academic year the academy ran an enterprise competition whereby students developed their own small business. Sadaf and Zayna created ZS Kreations and sold personalised refillable hand sanitiser bottles, key chains, and pompoms.

Once the girls had come up with their business idea they were provided with a start up-loan of £20 from Mr Pape. They used this money to buy materials to make their first batch of products. They then went on to sell these to students from both the Primary and Secondary phase.

Sadaf and Zayna quickly re-paid their start up loan back to Mr Pape, and have recently made a donation of £65.80 to Children In Need.



Well done to both Sadaf and Zayna for all your hard work, and thank you for the donation to CIN.

### PE and Sport roundup

It has been amazing to be able to get back to competitive sport and it has been a pleasure to see our primary and secondary students representing the academy. Each fixture has been approached with positivity and maturity by the pupils and they have behaved impeccably. I look forward to more fixtures and getting more pupils involved. I hope you enjoy reading our results and reports for term 1.

Mrs Kelley (Head of Performance Faculty)





## Secondary

### Badminton League 2021

This year we entered 2 teams in the KS3 badminton league. We were drawn in a group against All Saints Catholic High School, Tapton, Outwood Academy City and Parkwood.

Our first fixture at All Saints was the first time that all of our pupils had competed in a competitive match. After just a few training sessions we were even reading the rules on the bus on the way to All Saints! Mrs Kelley and Mr Ramster took 2 teams of 4 boys who played a mixture of singles and doubles games. Every game finished with a close score line and the boys were competitive throughout. The final tally: **OADV 9 – All Saints 11.**

The second fixture saw Park Academy come to the EIS to play a full round of fixtures. With more practices under our belt and a mixture of both girls and boys, we were confident with the rules and game play. Our students clearly outplayed the Park Academy students but they still played with a high level of sportsmanship and encouraged the opposition throughout. Final tally: **OADV 17 – Park Academy 3.**

Our second away fixture was at Outwood Academy City where we took some new players who had been attending the training sessions for a couple of weeks. Our matches were all competitive and saw some excellent play from both the singles and doubles games but City just had the edge. Final tally: **OADV 13 – City 20.**

Our final fixture we were prepared to be the hardest as we took on Tapton at home at the EIS. We once again fielded some new players who had not been to any competitions yet and even had a home crowd of supporters. We were matched better than we had expected to be and some early wins gave the boys confidence. Final tally: **OADV 11 – Tapton 9.**

**Overall in the league our A team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and our B team 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### Y7 Futsal Tournament

10 Y7 boys headed off to Tapton to take part in a futsal tournament against 4 other schools. Having not had a practice for 6 weeks it took some time to get into the swing of things. Unfortunately, the boys were beaten in all of their games but they kept playing hard and showed a really positive attitude towards their competitors. After a sing along on the bus they returned to school in high spirits.

### Y8 Futsal Tournament

On an evening where there was a storm threatening stop play, Mrs Kelley and 10 Y8 boys headed across the city to Tapton. We were entered into a tournament with Tipton's A and B team and Parkwood's A and B team. It was a rocky start as our B team conceded an own goal in the first minute of the first game but they eventually pulled together to make sure the defence was tight. After a full round robin of games both our teams finished in equal 4<sup>th</sup> place and headed into the B and C finals.  
All the boys got stuck in and enjoyed the evening.



# Y10 Mock Exams

**WELL DONE!**

A huge thank you to all our Y10 students for their hard work and conduct during the recent mock exam week.

We were so proud of how lots of you approached your revision and the amazing knowledge that was on display.



**WHY ARE MOCKS GOOD FOR YOU?**  
Taking your Mock exams is rather like having a healthy diet or making the effort to exercise - you'll feel a lot better afterwards if you take it seriously!  
Here's why....

- EXERCISES YOUR BRAIN TO BUILD EXAM STAMINA
- HELPS IDENTIFY TOPICS YOU NEED TO REVISE
- TESTS YOUR REVISION STRATEGIES
- HELPS YOU GET USED TO EXAM PRESSURE
- ALLOWS YOU TO PRACTICE EXAM TECHNIQUES
- GIVES YOU EXPERIENCE OF EXAM CONDITIONS
- IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR HELP



At Oasis Academy Don Valley, we know that completing home learning is essential to long term academic success.

It allows our students to extend their learning, deepen their knowledge and to reinforce what has been learnt in class.

### Home learning expectations

Every day, pupils will be expected to study for around one hour and a half. Home learning will be in three parts:

1. Knowledge Organisers and quizzing – 20 minutes
2. Reading for Pleasure – 30 minutes
3. Online Platform Learning (e.g., Quizlet/GCSEPod/Seneca /Hegarty/PiXL) and assigned tasks – 40 minutes
4. Controlled assessment / portfolio / classwork – as directed



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This half term, Reception have been learning about the Seasons; Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. As part of our learning, we made ice cream to look at freezing. We turned strawberry milk into ice cream and then ate it. It was a fun science experiment and tasty too!

At the end of Autumn 1, Reception children got their very own iPad. It has been exciting this half term to use the iPads to help with learning. We can access word mats on Teams to help us when we write, we use QR codes to access activities and we complete some tasks using Purple Mash.



We have been learning about lots of celebrations this half term, including Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Father Christmas sent his naughtiest elves, Rosie and Sid, to OADV. He needed help teaching them our Values so that they could be better elves in the North Pole. We think we did a good job teaching them about Pride, Courage, Hope, Respect and Enthusiasm!



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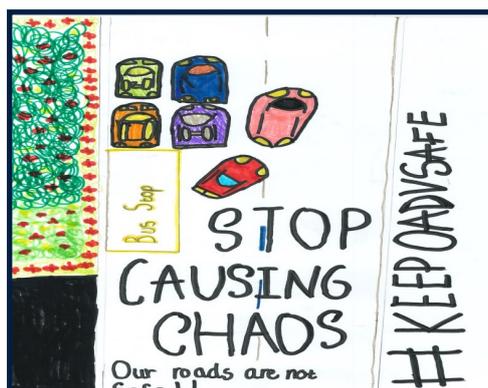
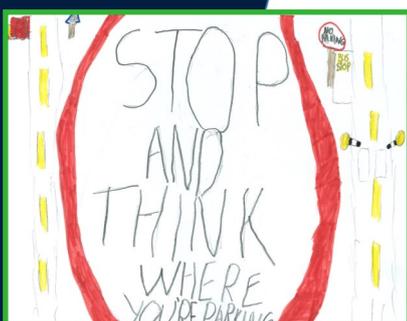
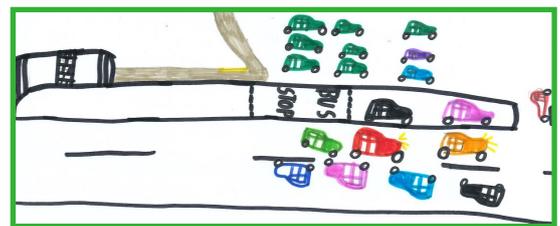
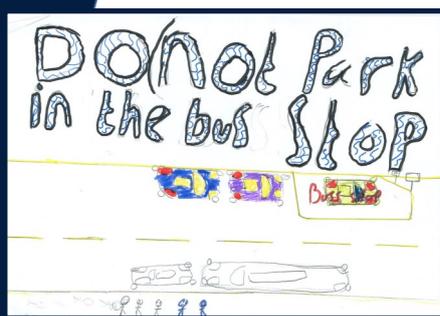


## Parking Issues

We have had many parents raise concerns about parking outside of the Academy and in the car park situated on Worksop Road. This car park is part of the OLP but we would ask that if you do use this to drop off and collect your children that you are mindful of students and considerate of others who also use it, to ensure that we all remain safe

- Please do not park on pavements around the Academy as this is where children need to walk
- Please do not park in the disabled parking bays if you are not a blue badge holder
- Please supervise your children at all times when leaving the Academy and moving through the car park
- Please do not 'box' people in on the main road

The Parking Wardens are aware of the situation and will be stepping up patrols. We will continue to liaise with the council about this matter as many parents are frustrated and concerned.





Welcome to our Oasis Hub Don Valley update. In this newsletter you will find out about the Hub projects that are happening here in our Academy. You will also find out who our Hub councillors are and a little bit about them.

## Class & Advisory Christmas Food Hamper Challenge



We all know that 2020 & 2021 has had a huge impact on families and as we enter the winter season we are expecting for the needs in our communities to increase. This year we have decided to think about our own Academy community therefore we are launching the Class Christmas Hamper Challenge, with the aim of providing Christmas hampers for over 30 of our families.

- ◆ The challenge is for each Primary class and each advisory class in secondary to create their own food hampers
- ◆ There will then be a grand raffle at the end of the term for families to win our hampers
- ◆ Bring your food donations into your classes and advisories over the next two weeks
- ◆ Which class/advisory will be able to make the best?



## Reverse advent calendar

Normally for advent you take something out of a calendar, this year could you bring something in and donate this item for our food hampers. Please drop your donations off at the main reception.

Thank you

1 <sup>st</sup> - Tinned sweetcorn	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tinned carrots	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Tinned soup	4 <sup>th</sup> - Teabags	5 <sup>th</sup> - Coffee	6 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned tomatoes
7 <sup>th</sup> - Dry pasta	8 <sup>th</sup> - Dry rice	9 <sup>th</sup> - Baked beans	10 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned spaghetti	11 <sup>th</sup> - UHT milk	12 <sup>th</sup> - Long-life fruit juice
13 <sup>th</sup> - Biscuits	14 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned fruit	15 <sup>th</sup> - Cereal	16 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned peas	17 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned meat	18 <sup>th</sup> - Jar of pasta sauce
19 <sup>th</sup> - Tinned pie	20 <sup>th</sup> - Jar of cooking sauce (any kind)	21 <sup>st</sup> - Tinned potatoes	22 <sup>nd</sup> - Tinned fish	23 <sup>rd</sup> - Tinned rice pudding	24 <sup>th</sup> - Toiletries



On the 10th December the Academy went to the pantomime (oh yes we did!)

A good time was had by all students and staff!