

Oasis Academy Brightstowe

Newsletter - Term 6



Welcome to this edition of #TeamBRIGHTstowe's newsletter.

As you will see, despite the many challenges and limitations posed by the pandemic, our students and staff have made the most of every moment once again.

It is an honour to lead this wonderful community.

Happy reading and #ShineBRIGHT.

Alan Dane - Principal

Alison Eynon - Senior Deputy Principal

The logo for Oasis Academy: Brightstowe is positioned at the top of the poster. It consists of a teal-colored parallelogram containing the word "oasis" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a white circular icon composed of three concentric rings. Below this parallelogram is a dark blue parallelogram containing the words "Academy:" and "Brightstowe" in a white, sans-serif font, stacked vertically.

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New School Ties

We are so excited about the arrival of our smart new school ties. All pupils have been given one from the Academy and Y6s will get theirs in September.

We love how the clip on nature of the tie means it's easy for all pupils to look beautiful, professional and smart without too much effort! Here is a picture of our Y7s being excellent ambassadors for the school.



TRANSITION VISITS

Our transition visits were really successful and the Year 6s absolutely loved seeing the school. They were really engaged in asking questions about everything and were amazed by the size of our school building. They loved the library, with two students walking in and saying "Oh my goodness, I will live here next year" and they were very impressed with the computer rooms, science labs and sports facilities. A highlight from each visit has to be how they reacted when they saw the size of our "wonderful" multicoloured chairs!

The SEND team have also had very successful enhanced transition afternoons.

The children have made scrapbooks from the photographs they've taken. We've had lots of positive e-mails from parents and teachers saying how keen pupils were to share their experiences and scrapbooks with parents and siblings.

The SEND team would like to tell all Y6s how lovely it was to get to know them and we're really looking forward to seeing them in September!

Hospitality & Catering

Year 9

Year 9 students have started their Hospitality and Catering option with an exciting project that linked to the space show. They produced coleslaw, mastering making homemade mayonnaise and learning about emulsification, and then making baked scotch eggs. They were then given the task to present them as if the eggs were planets. I think you will agree they are Egg-cellent!



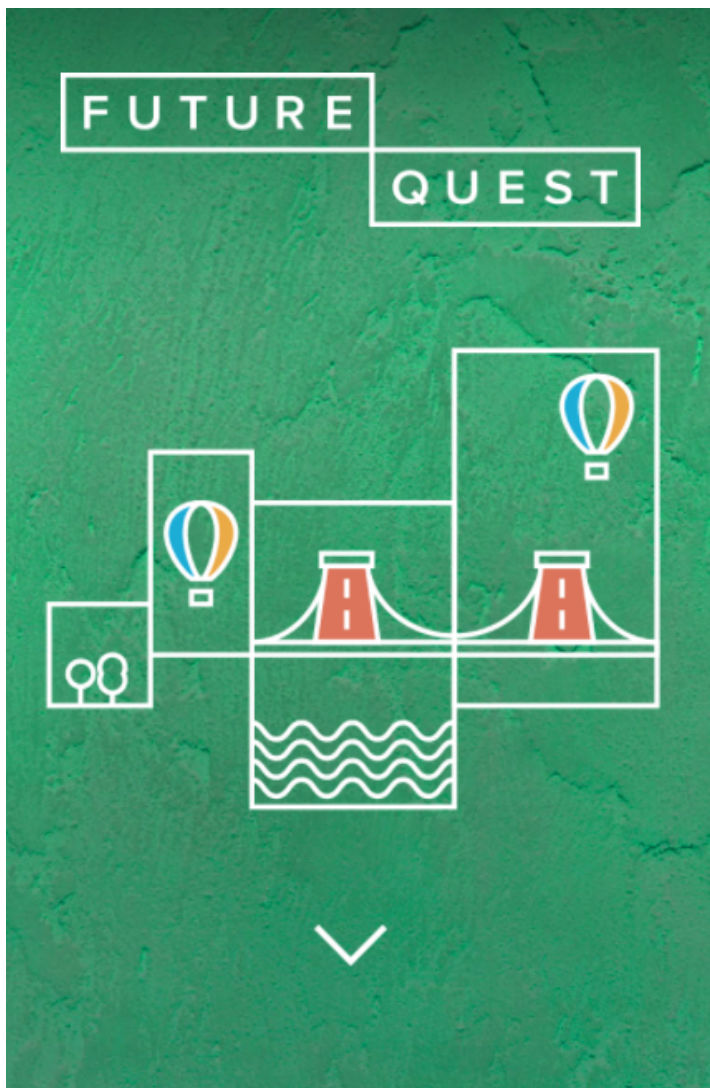
Year 10

Mrs Booker gave the year 10 Catering students a brief to create their own "caterpillar". The supermarkets have some tough competition.

Active Leaders

Our newly appointed Prefects will be undertaking 5 days of leadership training led by Miss Allen. The course helps to build personal development and confidence, through training to deliver fun activities and events. This training will help the prefects carry out their newly appointed role. The prefects will be planning and carrying out a mini sports day for the year 7 students. The year 7 team are really looking forward to it. Each tutor group will be representing a country.





Health Care Mentoring programme

The Future Quest Healthcare Programme has been working with 25 of our students in current year 10 this academic year. Despite the Covid restrictions, the students have been able to receive mentoring sessions and workshops virtually. This project will follow the students for the next 4 years and will support them into University if they wish to pursue a field in the health care sector.

The sessions have looked at 'Exploring Options', 'Understanding Values' (both in terms of values in relation to self and value based recruitment in the NHS and HE), and they have been provided with hands on taster kits that have been delivered prior to the session and the sessions delivered by student ambassadors or HE outreach staff. The students have had practical sessions exploring paramedic science, diagnostic imaging and physiotherapy.

One of the students commented "I have now been made aware of the 350 different options that can be made available to me as a career". Another student has commented "The sessions have made me aware of different sectors such as Physiotherapy and podiatry and endocrinologists".

The next steps for year 11 is students will decide which area they would like to find out more about and they will be matched with a student ambassador in that field. They will then receive mentoring and workshops.

Excitingly - we have just had it confirmed that this same project will be running for next year's year 10 students and again will be a 4 year project.

Womble Bond Dickinson Mentoring

This week a group of year 10 students received their last mentoring session with staff from Womble Bond Dickinson solicitors. Oasis Brightstowe have been working with WBD for many years and is the firm of solicitors our local MP Darren Jones trained with to become a solicitor in 2013.

Jed Dillion and Sophie Lowe of WBD have led on the project and although it has been challenging as it has been virtual they have been really impressed with our students engagement. "The students were great and really got stuck in". Our students have also learnt about employability skills and how to write a CV.



Year 9 Space Event

It hasn't been too long since pupils at Brightstowe spoke to Tim Peake live on the international space station. We have been excited to reignite this theme in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, and to give pupils an 'out of this world! experience after the lockdowns of the pandemic.

Year 9 students have been taking part in an EU funded project run by Explorer Dome over 4 days. – Explorer dome are a STEM education outreach organisation who have been operating for more than 20 years in Bristol.



The aim of the project was to engage and enthuse students in science and space. On day 1 they ignited curiosity with an interactive show exploring the concepts, processes and methods of science.

On day 2 there was a student-led trip into the Dome to inspire and engage students in the exploration of Earth and space. On day 3, students met STEM role models from local space industry and research, and explore STEM aspirations. They spoke with Jackie Bell who is training to be an astronaut and Anna Horleston, who is currently carrying out experiments on Mars, measuring 'mars quakes'.

Day 4 – date to be confirmed is going to be in the form of a virtual assembly where all of the events will be collated and students can have their work show cased and be shared with parents. "watch this space" – no pun intended 😊

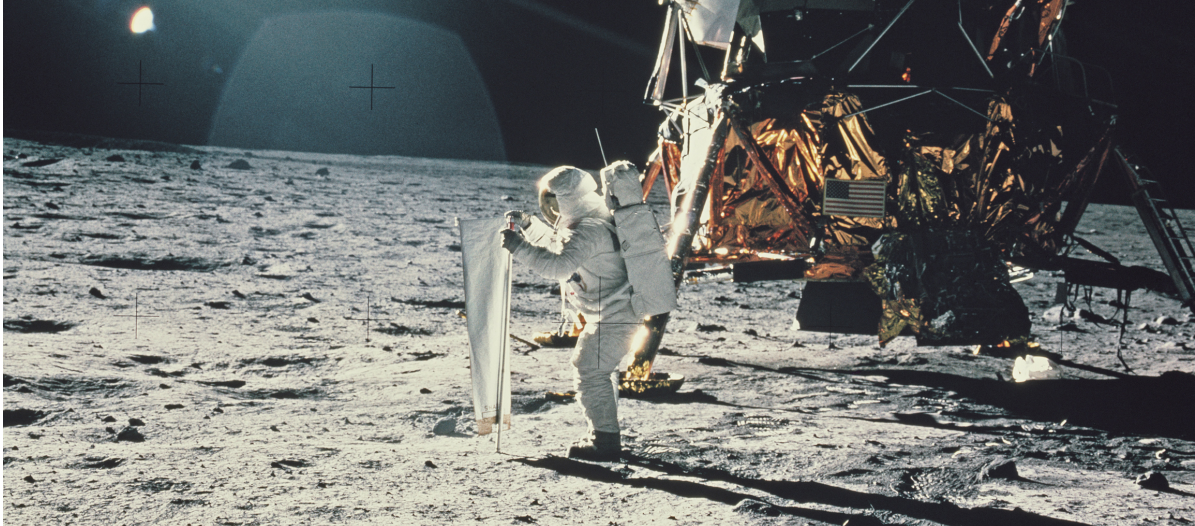
Mrs Booker was delighted to see so much enthusiasm and engagement "the students were mesmerised by the interactive show, and the students loved exploring the different planets and aspects of space. Their existing knowledge and curiosity was so pleasing to see"



Year 7 - Walk in Apollo's Footsteps

Year 7 students were treated to a 3D Planetarium show titled "In The Steps of Apollo: from the first moon landing to the Universe beyond..."

This show was created In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, a brand new specially created 3D Planetarium show was launched in 2019. This unique new music show explores the lunar landing and its ongoing legacy is the brainchild of Julian Leeks (Bristol based composer and director of music charity Sound World), and the show was developed by Sound World and the planetarium team at We The Curious.



The result is a captivating audio-visual show combining the best contemporary classical music (specially commissioned from five leading composers) and stunning, bespoke 3D visuals, projected onto the inside of our portable planetarium Dome.

Five astronomical journeys took the year 7's from the observations of ancient stargazers, through the excitement of the 1969 mission, to the farthest reaches of the Universe; revealing the beauty of the cosmos and our place within it. More information can be found here:

<https://sound-world.org/apollo-press-release/>



Oasis Academy Summer Hub

The Oasis Community Hub will be doing great work with so many Brightstowe Students over the summer holidays from walking up a mountain to canoeing to lino printing, to sports sessions. Contact Beck on 07973948635 if you would like more information on the Hub's Summer Schedule or take a look at their Instagram page @oasishubnorthbristol! We are excited to see and hear about all of the adventures that our students will be having when we return in September.

IMPORTANT Summer INFORMATION

As part of the Bristol City Council "Your Holiday Hub" Programme, we have partnered with other organisations to offer a wide variety of activities for children & young people throughout the Summer Holidays!

Activities are for local children and young people, are free to attend and will include a tasty packed lunch.

All activities are covid secure and therefore have limited spaces available (which will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis). To book your children's place, please complete the booking form via the link below:
<http://forms.office.com/r/qnp2eehica>

Alternatively, to find out more please contact
Rebecca Hussey on 07973 948635 or
via email: rebecca.hussey@oasisuk.org

HUB SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday 9th August	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, advanced walk up Sugar Loaf Mountain.
Tuesday 10th August	9 AM - 2 PM / Canoeing with Young Bristol.
Wednesday 11th August	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, accessible scenic walk, location TBC.
Thursday 12th August	10 AM - 2 PM / Screw Art at Oasis Longcross 4 PM - 4:30 PM / Youth Club Session at ALW
Friday 13th August	11 AM - 3 PM Youth-Led Multi-Sports Session at Oasis Longcross

Starts: 26th July 2021 - Ends: August 20th, 2021. Sessions are accessible by sign-up only. All activities are subject to change or cancellation based on weather and the latest Covid-19 regulations. Lunch provided. Contact Becky on 07973 948635 for more info.

HUB SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday 26th July	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, advanced walk up Sugar Loaf Mountain.
Tuesday 27th July	9 AM - 2 PM / Canoeing with Young Bristol.
Wednesday 28th July	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, accessible scenic walk, location TBC.
Thursday 29th July	10 AM - 2 PM / Lino Printing at Oasis Longcross 4 PM - 4:30 PM / Youth Club Session at ALW
Friday 30th July	11 AM - 3 PM Youth-Led Multi-Sports Session at Oasis Longcross

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HUB SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday 16th August	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, advanced walk up Sugar Loaf Mountain.
Tuesday 17th August	9 AM - 2 PM / Paddle Boarding with Young Bristol.
Wednesday 18th August	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, accessible scenic walk, location TBC.
Thursday 19th August	10 AM - 2 PM / Wooden Nail Art at Oasis Longcross 4 PM - 4:30 PM / Youth Club Session at ALW
Friday 20th August	11 AM - 3 PM Youth-Led Multi-Sports Session at Oasis Longcross

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HUB SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday 2nd August	10 A - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, advanced walk up Sugar Loaf Mountain.
Tuesday 3rd August	9 AM - 2 PM / Paddle Boarding with Young Bristol.
Wednesday 4th August	10 AM - 5 PM / Trip to Wales, accessible scenic walk, location TBC.
Thursday 5th August	10 AM - 2 PM / Tie-Dying at Oasis Longcross 4 PM - 4:30 PM / Youth Club Session at ALW
Friday 6th August	11 AM - 3 PM Youth-Led Multi-Sports Session at Oasis Longcross

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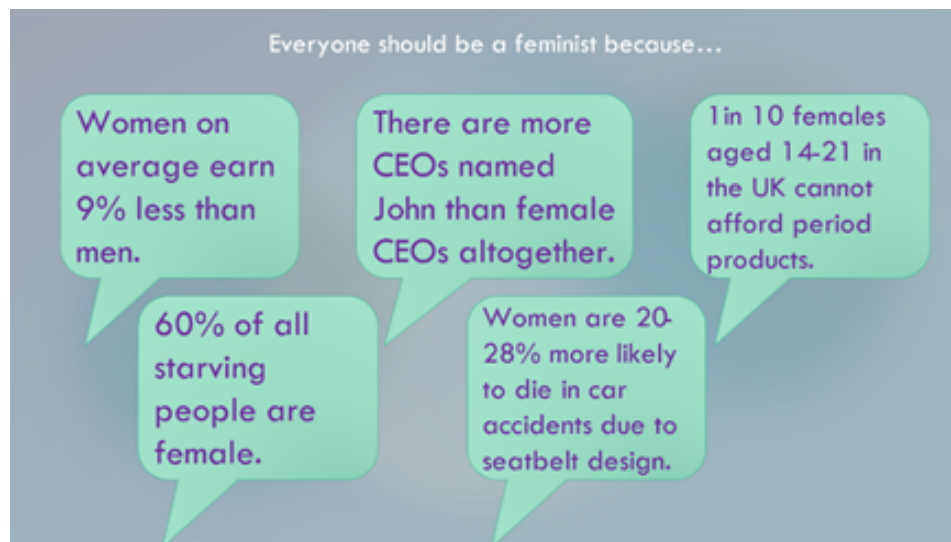
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Monday 23rd August	"Bright Start" New Year 7's Summer Transition at Oasis Brightstowe.
Tuesday 24th August	"Bright Start" New Year 7's Summer Transition at Oasis Brightstowe.
Wednesday 25th August	"Bright Start" New Year 7's Summer Transition at Oasis Brightstowe.
Thursday 26th August	"Bright Start" New Year 7's Summer Transition at Oasis Brightstowe.
Friday 27th August	"Bright Start" New Year 7's Summer Transition at Oasis Brightstowe.

Starts: 2nd July 2021 - Ends: August 20th, 2021. Sessions are accessible by sign-up only. All activities are subject to change or cancellation based on weather and the latest Covid regulations. Lunch provided. Contact Becky on 07788 338701 for more info.

The Allyance

Over the last two terms, Miss Moxham, Miss Zervudachi, Mrs Davies-Jones and a group of year 10 and 11 students have been running The Ally-ance. We have met every week on a Friday after school to discuss sexism and feminism, and what we can do as a school to help everyone feel equal. We've discussed our favourite influential and inspirational women, the problems women face in their everyday lives, and created a powerpoint to encourage our current year 7s to join us on Fridays after school. Here you can see a slide from this powerpoint!



In June, some year 10s and 11s presented to the year 7s and did a superb job. These students were **Rosie Barnard, Chloe Nash, Noemi Korenova, Lily Eynon, Izzy Rant and Emma Jay.**

As a result, a group of year 7s started to join us each week to give the younger years' perspective on sexism and feminism.

In September, The Ally-ance will continue to meet on Fridays at 3.15 in C1, with the lower years (7, 8, 9) and upper years (10, 11) meeting on alternate weeks.

It would be lovely to see lots of students there!"

OCL Student Awards

We have been so proud that five of our pupils were nominated for OCL Student Awards from thousands of pupils across our 52 schools in England.

Massive congratulations to the students who have been recognised for going over and above in either their academic studies (competence), their conduct, effort and attitude (character) or their contribution to Academy and wider society (community).

Zara Tissier – Y7

Stephen Finch – Y9

Lorenzo Gravanti – Y9

Rosie Howlett – Y10

Natasha Musakasa – Y11

We are especially proud of Stephen Finch who was overall winner of the Community Award from all the Secondary students in Oasis. Stephen has been raising money for charity and supporting charitable causes since he was eight years old. His latest fundraising for Bristol Royal Hospital for Children has totalled £1.397... so far! We are incredibly proud of him. Alan Dane, our Principal, said: "Our academy motto is 'Be brave. Be kind. Shine bright.' Stephen embodies this and we are very proud of him indeed."

the PROUD forum

The Proud Forum

The Proud Forum is open for all students every Wednesday at 3:10pm. This is to discuss all things LGBT+ and how we can address any issues around the curriculum, how LGBT+ issues are dealt with and how we can educate people around current affairs. We have really enjoyed the conversations and actions created from the first few sessions and we hope to lead a Oasis wide forum in the new year! Please pop along or speak to Mr Clayton or Ms Cleeter if you are interested or have any questions.

Young Minds Messenger

If you need support or want to speak to someone during the holidays. Why not try out the Young Minds Messenger service? It's free, confidential and someone will be available to help you with your worries or concerns via text. Text YM to 85258 to access this support.



ALUMNI

"Year 9 students have received information on the labour market and have been exploring different options available to them at post 16. They have been hearing inspirational stories and journeys from our Alumni. They have heard how ex student Fallon Monks is now a year 1 teacher at Oasis Long Cross and the exciting journey of Henry Case who is now a successful solicitor in Bristol.

If you studied at Oasis Brightstowe or Portway and would like to get involved and join our Alumni network please follow the link below.

<https://links.grofar.com/27321-Alumni-OFBNua>



Oasis Academy Brightstowe & the Bristol North-West Foodbank

The last year has been incredibly challenging for the Brightstowe community in many ways, including some families losing jobs and income. Unfortunately, some of us have struggled to make ends meet and provide food for our families; a heart-breaking situation for anyone to be in. Thankfully, due to the incredible Bristol North-West Foodbank, our families have not had to suffer. From regular food parcels to urgent emergency care packages, the Foodbank have been generous and compassionate beyond words. Over the year, TeamBrightstowe have conducted whole-school donation drives to collect supplies for the Foodbank. Most recently, we collected two very specific items: coffee and deodorant! Here's what the Foodbank said when we delivered...

"We want to say a BIG thank you to you and your colleagues for your generous donation of deodorants and small jars of coffee – just what we needed! It weighed an amazing 21kgs! We are so grateful for your kindness and we look forward to being able to support your families again in future".

Long may the co-operation and teamwork between us continue!

NEED SOME SUPPORT?



SPEAK TO SOMEONE

Speak to a loved one like a family member or friend. Or have a chat with your Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, Tutor or any member of staff.



TALK TO MR CLAYTON

Visit Mr Clayton in The BrightZone between 3:10pm - 4:00pm on Mondays D1-3 (Y7-10).

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fighting for young people's mental health

REACH OUT TO YOUNGMINDS

Text YM to 85258



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