

E-Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Half Term 6. I really hope that you all had a good break and enjoyed some rare sunshine.

Year 11 are now finished with their formal education and all our teachers are doing the final preparations "Teacher Assessed Grades." I know that like me, you will wish Year 11 all the best for the future. I'm confident that they leave Arena well equipped for their futures whether that be further education or training.

One of the delights of the last half term was congratulating our new student leaders on becoming "the student leadership team." Watching these students mature and become our first student leaders has been a real pleasure and I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about their work and ideas in future newsletters. Our Head Boy and Head Girl share some thoughts in the newsletter.

We will be conducting summer examinations with all students later in the summer half term. Mr Shaw will be sharing more information on this with families later in the week.

I'd like to say a huge thank you for all of your support over the past year. It has been much appreciated.

On a final note, please can I ask that families continue to use the lateral flow tests and to inform the school immediately if your child or anyone in your household has a positive Covid test.

Thomas Raymond
Principal

Eco Schools Green Flag Award and Young Tree

A bit congratulations to Arena's Eco-committee who achieved the Green flag this term in tandem with the new gardening club!

The Green Flag reflects the work of the committee in helping to embed some environmental awareness at Arena, including through the introduction of recycling facilities, improving the School Grounds, and helping to create a new biodiverse environment with our new front garden.

One of the team's members, Blessing, said: "I've really enjoyed being part of gardening and eco-schools club as it's helped me to learn a lot more about nature. Through planting the trees and vegetables we're also able to add to the biodiversity of the school and make it a much nicer environment to be in!"

In addition to the Green flag award, the team have also been busy with setting up and participating in the gardening club, which is in turn working with the Matrix provision at Arena. As part of this the school applied to be (and successfully achieved) Young Tree Champions status. We received 5 fantastic trees (including a cherry blossom willow) which have been planted in the front garden and have already received some admiring glances from passers-by and members of the local community!

Big thanks to Yen Le, Garry Pearson (site team member and avid gardener) and Matrix for their support as well as the students.

Eco-Schools co-ordinator Jon Channon reflected: 'The Eco Schools programme has been a good opportunity for the school to evaluate its eco-credentials and see what changes (however small) can be made. We hope to continue with the good work going forward, including maintain our current recycling facilities (while trying to do more) and keeping an eye on the biodiversity of the school (including in our new front garden).



Students graduate from Brilliant Club

Congratulations to several Oasis Academy Arena students who graduated this term from the Brilliant Club. As members of the Brilliant Club, a group of OAA students joined the Scholars Programme which provides students aged 8-18 from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps them to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to support in securing a place at a highly selective university. The OAA students researched a history topic alongside a PhD student.



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May 2021 - May 2024

For your outstanding contribution to improve wellbeing in your school

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

Oasis Academy Arena receives Healthy Schools London Bronze Award

Oasis Academy Arena is proud to have received the Healthy Schools London Bronze Award. The award came with a note congratulating the school for “supporting the health and wellbeing of your school community and for creating a health promoting environment and ethos for your pupils and staff.”

Meet Our Student Leaders: Head Boy



Hello, I am Pharrell Ferguson, I've recently been given the role as Head Boy for 2021-2022.

Due to the high level of applications from all students, the teachers and other members of staff had such a difficult decision to make.

As a result of the incredibly tough selection, our Head of Year decided to appoint 4 deputy heads.

There are a few things that I would like to introduce... these include more one to one access with teachers for the students that want revision\intervention time.

I would also like to request more events such as own clothes day in order to raise funds for educational trips and for department resources such as P.E, DT & Science.

I know the past year has been a very difficult one, however I hope for the very best this upcoming year and I hope things get back on track.

I would like to say a massive well done to the year 11s for their perseverance and resilience throughout this past year. I wish them the best of luck in their exams and nothing but success in the future.

I would like to say a big "thank you" to Miss Clark (English Teacher) for her pleasant words and for having faith in my aspiration of becoming Head Boy. I would also like to give a special mention to Miss Dodd (English Teacher) for her leadership and hardworking throughout the organisation of the interviews, the applications, and other projects. We are truly grateful to have such esteemed teachers at Oasis Academy Arena.



Meet Our Student Leaders: Head Girl

Hello, my name is Grace Marshall, and I am the recently appointed Head girl for 2021-2022. The competition for this post was incredibly tough and was hard to beat. As a result of this instead of just appointing 2 deputy heads this year there has been appointed 4 deputy heads. Along with this the level of prefects are incredible, and I believe we have a very strong team. I am also excited to work with Pharrell who is the Head boy for 2021-2022.

Things I would like to introduce into the school includes schoolhouses. Along with competitions and points to go towards your house, to win a cup at the end of the year. This is as I believe it will help with school spirits and bring years together for a collective goal. I would also like to do more fundraising events for departments and equipment in school as well as trips. I believe that during the last year lots of students will have lost out on trips as well as education. I hope that over the next year things get back to normal. So that for the next academic year everything can get back on track and people can catch up on what they have missed out on and have some fun whilst doing it.

I would just like to say a well done to year 11 for completing their exams and coming so far in such difficult times. I'd also like to wish them good luck for where they are going in the future, and I wish them the best for their results. I would also like to say a special thanks to Miss Dodd for organising the application process and the interviews. It was an amazing and challenging process, which I thoroughly enjoyed, so thank you for organising it.



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Discovery Days

We are welcoming Year 5 students at local primary schools to attend a free Discovery Day event at Oasis Academy Arena! This will be a fun-filled day of activities—including an exciting science experiment, cooking in state-of-the-art food tech facilities, and a treasure hunt. If you know a family with a student in year 5 at a local primary school, let them know about the upcoming event. Learn more: [oasisacademyarena.org/admissions/discoverydays](https://www.oasisacademyarena.org/admissions/discoverydays)



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Jack Petchey Escape Room

A small group of our Y9 students enjoyed a trip to Croydon Escape Rooms this term thanks to one of our Jack Petchey winners!

Roman of 9JC was our worthy January winner after showing consistent and excellent effort in a number of subjects including French and English – putting extra effort in when he found things challenging. He chose to take 11 of his classmates to the Escape Rooms, and much fun was had by all!

The students worked in teams of 6 to try and navigate their way through the tricky challenges, emerging after hours of puzzle solving, tactics and teamwork. A huge thanks to Peter and the team at Exciting Escapes, and of course well done to the students for their efforts! The team at Exciting Escapes praised the students for being a pleasure to host and a 'credit to the school'.

For those unaware, the Jack Petchey award is a monthly prize given to one student in the school for excellent effort or overcoming personal/school challenges to try and reach their full potential.



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Summer Term Open Event

Know a family with children in primary school who are getting a head start in searching for secondary school? Let them know about our Summer Term Open Event on 15th July, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. More info: oasisacademyarena.org/admissions/open-days

A promotional poster for an 'Open Evening' event. The background is dark blue with a stylized illustration of a modern school building in shades of purple and white. A large, bold, pink and white graphic reads 'OPEN EVENING'. Below this, the date and time 'Thursday 15th July 2021 5:30pm – 7:30pm' are written in white. A pink circular badge on the right says 'BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!'. A white speech bubble on the left contains the 'Oasis Academy Arena' logo. A list of reasons to visit is provided in the bottom right.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 15th July 2021 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Academy Tour : Speak to Students and Staff : Meet the Principal

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

Oasis Academy Arena

Why you should visit us:

- We are Ofsted rated 'Good' in Leadership and Management
- We have a relentless focus on the highest standards of student achievement
- We work collaboratively with our students and their families

