

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



## OASIS ACADEMY ISLE OF SHEPPEY EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to you today as we want to keep you informed of activities and opportunities for our students at school, and to update you on our progress.

I am pleased to say that we have built on the positivity around the beginning of the school year and that the term is going well, with improved behaviour and attendance meaning that students are learning well.

Thank you for your time reading these updates, and your continued support of the academy and our team.



### PARENTAL FORUM

We know that to continue to improve the Academy we need your insight and ideas, and your support.

Following our initial Ofsted Feedback meetings, we are launching a regular Parental Forum (every half term) which will be an opportunity for you to share with us your experiences, and for us to discuss new ideas together.

Our first Parental forum will take place on:

- Tuesday, 18th October, 6 pm
- Minster campus

If you can join us and would like to receive further information please email

[Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org).

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## **PARENTS' EVENINGS/ EVENTS**

You told us that you would like to have more opportunities to meet with your child's teachers. I am pleased to say that we are returning to on-site Parents' Evenings this year, as we too recognise the importance of face-to-face catch ups.

Further details will follow regarding arrangements, but in the meantime please note the dates for each year group. (All events will take place between 4-6pm):



<b>Year group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
7	Parent evening - 26th April 2023 Meet the Tutor evening - 30th November 2022	Sheerness campus
8	Parent evening - 14th June 2023	Sheerness campus
9	Parent evening - 22nd February 2023 Options evening - 8th March 2023	Minster campus
10	Parent evening - 7th June 2023	Minster campus
11	Parent evening - 11th January 2023 Mocks information evening - 19th October 2022	Minster campus

## **RECENT FEEDBACK**

We are pleased to say we have received some fantastic feedback from parents and community members at recent events at the academy which I wanted to share with you.

We really appreciate the support of the team who are working so hard for our young people, and for our brilliant student volunteers who represented the academy so well.

### **Feedback from the September Open Evening**

"We attended the open evening last night and wanted to express how impressed we were. The teachers we spoke to were very engaging and clearly have a lot of love for their subjects and the children showing us around were excellent and a credit to the school and their parents."





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"Following the presentation, we were allocated two "guides" who were to show us around and answer any questions that we had. Owen and Connor were fantastic! They were attentive, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, polite, proud and personable. We all thoroughly enjoyed our tour; they were able to answer all of our questions and also to speak with the boys and really put them at ease."

"We feel very fortunate in the "guides" that we were allocated and really feel that they were amazing ambassadors for the student body of the school."

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"Attended the open evening and went on to praise the school, said the facilities are fantastic... how welcoming Mr Booth was and that his introduction went a long way. Commented on how lovely and well presented the students were who were taking the parents around."

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"I just wanted to say thank you for a lovely open evening last night. My daughter really enjoyed it. Can I also just mention our guide, Isabelle in year 8, a credit to the school. Polite and knowledgeable and really put my daughter at ease on her first look at secondary schools."

"Isabelle really demonstrated the Sheppey values and what you are trying to achieve."

### **Songs of Praise event during September's Dementia café**

"I wanted to get in touch to say how lovely it was to share a 'Songs of Praise' afternoon tea with others from the community at your school recently."

"Academy leaders and their incredible team of students, parents and staff made everyone who gathered so welcome and provided a delicious afternoon tea. They were amazing ambassadors for your school. Your students were so attentive to the needs of the guests and nothing was too much trouble for them. It was really lovely to see the generations mixing together in this way."



"The feedback that I have received from guests regarding the afternoon has been nothing but glowing! As always, it was lovely working together with Oasis to serve our community."

## STAYING IN TOUCH

I will be in touch again shortly with more news about the academy. If you have any feedback regarding any issues I would like to hear from you. Please contact me via my PA, Jo Gass on [Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org)

Best wishes,

Mr Booth

***Executive Principal Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey***