

## Dear Parents/Carers & Students

I have taken the time over the half term break to reflect upon the academy and its development as we strive to continue in our aim to be judged as at least a 'good' school and one that our students and families are proud to attend and have been part of in their educational journey and lives furthermore.

There is still significant work to do in order to develop the academy of choice for Island families; and this is our intention and expectation as we progress as the only secondary education option on the Isle of Sheppey.

In reflection of the progress we have made, we have now demonstrated improvement in our GCSE and Sixth Form outcomes for two years consistently. Our Sixth Form, in the recent (July 2019) Ofsted inspection remains judged as a 'good' provision for young people. The strength of this means that for many students, they achieve at least one grade better than expected outcomes. Our success in our vocational offer is exceptional. Last year 65% of our Year 13 students progressed to university.

The academy has this year merged the two site model onto one site, now primarily based on the Minster Campus. This has been a hugely successful decision and move. There will, of course be initial teething problems. We as adult readers understand that change is not easy; and is at times, uncomfortable. But, we also know that change, real change, needs time. The academy is a calm and purposeful site; there is excellent learning now evident in classrooms for which we are very pleased and now proud.

We have taken the views of students on board. There are, and always will be small complications for individuals. Support in these cases, when we have been notified, has been provided. We are, and continue to work with students and families throughout.

The vast majority of young people demonstrate and speak of a better academy now that we are together on the one site. Students inform that it is easier now to see and speak to staff located centrally in one building when there might be subject based issues or concerns. They feel like they are now in one school, the Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey and not East/West students as previous.

A particular highlight has been the development of our Year 9 students in starting examination based courses. In previous years, the students from Sheerness would have taken considerable time to settle into courses when travelling over to Minster for lessons; this has not been the case and the integration into new courses has been much smoother. Well done to all staff and students in the transition this year so far.

Our Year 11 students this year have started incredibly well. Their maturity and composure to the final year of study has possibly been the best I have seen in my time at the academy. Students have the opportunity to gain early lunch access in order to use Study Bases during lunchtime and this has been taken up by many incredibly well. The computer based resource allows additional time to access online resources that include GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning, Hegarty Maths, as well as courses like BBC Bitesize and other learning resources.

We know that students who complete independent study achieve incredibly well; those who start the revision process early in Year 11 make very good progress. Our results in 2019 show that the students who completed our suggested online revision programmes achieved +0.3 of a GCSE grade better than those who didn't in the subjects studied.



In addition, students are also attending their Period 6 lessons (3pm-4pm) in the subjects that have been directed in Term 1 and then also in Term 2. Attendance here will help students to close gaps in knowledge and understanding to help prepare for both end of course completion assignments, as well as mock exam preparation. I would like to publicly thank staff who have taken this time to support students beyond expectation.

The academy is this year taking a strong focus to encourage all students in their various stages of development to seek and take part in extra-curricular opportunities. We publish regularly the work that our young people participate in throughout the community; this includes our support and strength in dementia care, for example. The dementia café and its many outreach projects has been a great opportunity for a number of students to engage with. Our aim this year, is to encourage all young people to find and take part in activities that they might not normally do, or indeed those that they enjoy most and want to develop in.

There are over 20 different clubs and activities offered to all year groups this year. Some of our new clubs this year include Chess, Guitar, STEM, Vocal, Independent Study Club, Radio, Big Art and Mathletes as well as a variety of sports activities. The variety and choice is wide and significant. The success of this strategy in Term 1 has been very pleasing, with over 1000 students having taken part in one or more of the extra-curricular activities.

The national Magic Breakfast club has been supporting the academy again this year and numbers of students arriving daily for 'bagel breakfast' continues to grow. We have seen the students who eat well before the start of the day have a very settled start to the day and advise more students take up this opportunity. Bagels are free of charge to all students. Many of our staff take this opportunity in the morning to join students with a bagel and their contribution to breakfast helps us provide a wider range of bagel toppings and spreads.

I wish to take this opportunity to formally welcome Mr Damian Carlier, who has joined the academy in the role of Associate Principal. He works with and alongside Mr Fogg and myself in leading the strategic direction of the academy in the next chapter of academy development and improvement.

My final, and I hope the most important aspect of the newsletter is to thank all parents and families for their on-going support; without this we would not be able to move forwards as well as we are doing. I ask please, that you continue to send your child to school every day and help us to improve our attendance. We ask for your child to arrive on time, dressed correctly in full school uniform, and equipped ready for a day of hard work and good learning. Together, we will develop the educational outcomes our children and all young people are deserving of.

Warm regards towards the winter months ahead.

*Miss T Lee*

**Principal**



# Inter Milan Tour 2019

Mr C Peters

The Inter Milan tour was the third football tour after successful visits to FC Villarreal and FC Porto. The trip was a fantastic success yet again with students taking part in a number of different activities including coaching from Inter Milan Youth Team coaches, a tour of the San Siro stadium, watching a live AC Milan fixture along with much more.

The tour lasted for 5 nights and was action packed from beginning to end with students learning about a different culture and building lifelong friendships and memories that will last with them a lifetime. During the tour students trained at the Suning Youth development Centre where all of Inter Milan youth teams train as well as having lunch everyday with Inter Milan U18's team. Students played matches against Italian opposition and learned how different countered have different styles of play and took this to improve their own game. They experienced authentic Italian food and were given free time to explore one of the most incredible cities in Europe in Milano as well as a visit to Inter Milan HQ to see authentic shirts and trophies of Inter Milan's history.



The tour had a fantastic atmosphere with students chanting, laughing and singing for what seems like the whole 5 days.

The conduct of students on the tour was outstanding and they were a credit to the school and the community. Special thanks must also go to our Inspire Sports representative Pablo who was with us the whole time in Milan. Another special thanks for the teachers in attendance who without them the tour would not have happened (Mr C Peters, Mr J Huggins, Mr B Wrighton and Mr W Carlow).

The big question is .....Where to next?.....



# A Level English

Year 13 student Megan Brown reviews Richmond Shakespeare Society's production of Hamlet

## **Conte's Scandi-Noir Interpretation of Hamlet is a Success!**

The performance of Hamlet at the Richmond Shakespeare Society was a modern Scandinavian Noir interpretation of the play. The director, Susan Conte, employed an interesting use of switching the gender roles of Hamlet and the aptly named Orpheus. Instead of male actors dressing up as women like they did in Shakespearean times, the production switched the roles to create a more contemporary feel within the play.

The actress who played Hamlet was fiercely dramatic and used her actions and body language to convey her madness. The production utilised the infamous dark humour that the Shakespeare is so renowned for. Even the minor characters were well-played and utilised the same dark humour that was expected. This intrigued the audience as the focus wasn't always on the protagonists of the play.

Interesting set design and special effects include a projection of King Hamlet standing up a ledge and various other positions on stage, a voice distorts to emphasise the character's state as a spectre and the use of a trap door within the stage to house Orpheus' coffin when he was laid to rest.

Despite this being an amateur performance, I would thoroughly recommend visiting the Richmond Shakespeare Society. Situated on a quiet part of the Thames; for £13 a ticket, you cannot go wrong!

Megan Brown

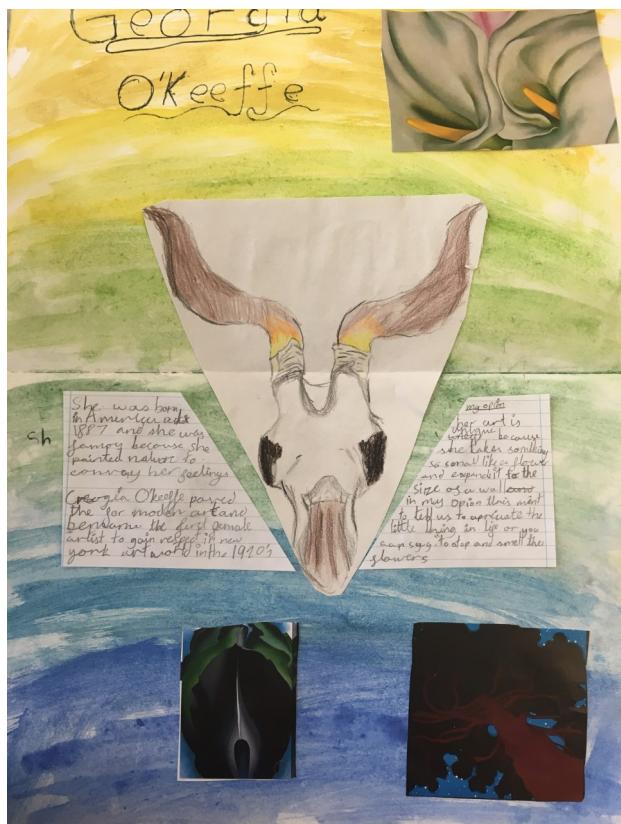
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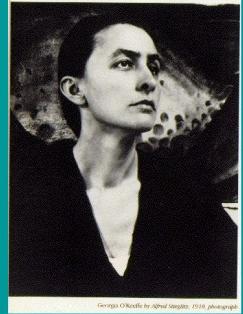
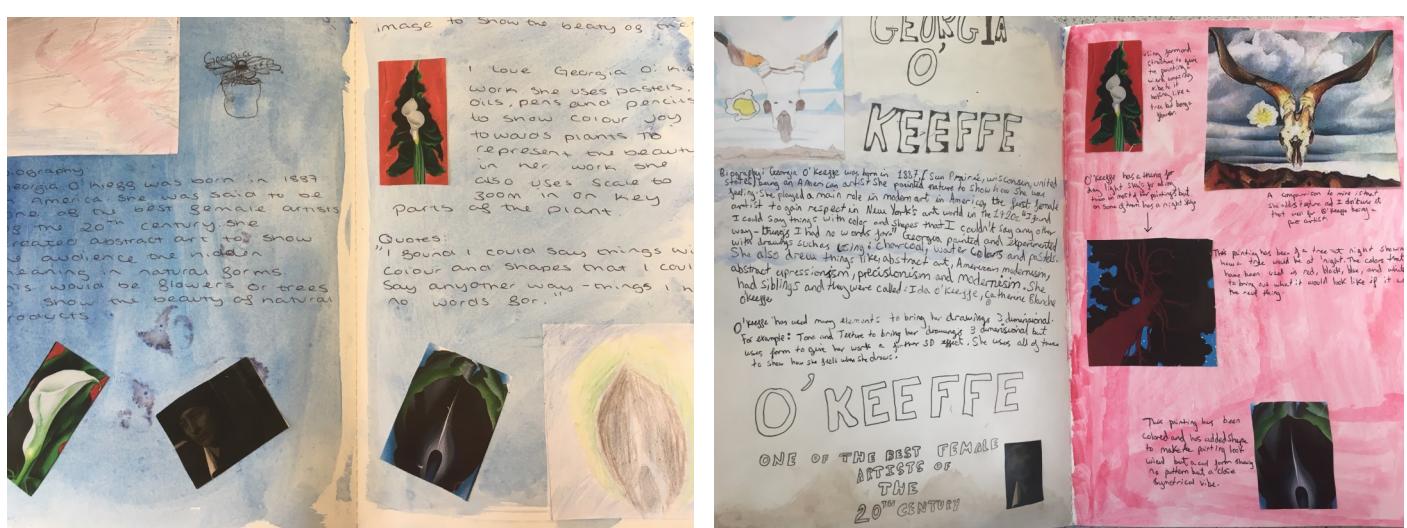
Miss Stoke's Year 9 Art students have been studying the American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. O'Keeffe was born in 1887 and played an important part in the development of modern art in America, becoming the first female painter to gain respect in New York's art world in the 1920s. She was chiefly known for her blend of abstraction and pictorialism. The style she used stressed contours and subtle tonal transitions, which often transformed the subject into a powerful abstract image.

Year 9 students studied her style of painting, and created their first artist page in their sketch book.



## Biography

- She was born in 1887 on a Wisconsin farm.
- She was born around the same time that the telephone and light bulb were invented.
- Ever since she was little she always knew that she wanted to be an artist.
- She has painted over 900 paintings in her lifetime.
- She died in 1986 at 98 years old.



## Official Opening of the New Classrooms

On Tuesday 29th October, staff and students held a special celebration to officially mark the opening of our new classrooms and to thank those who made it possible. Oasis charity founder Rev Steve Chalke joined us for the day and spoke to students and staff of the impact of the combined campuses. Students enjoyed making new friends and not having to travel between the two campuses. They enjoyed having all their teachers on one campus which makes it easier for them to speak to staff when they needed to. Staff enjoyed being able to develop best practice and offer professional support more easily.

Steve Chalke, Founder of the Oasis Charitable Trust, said "What the team at the academy, the contractors and our staff from Oasis have achieved this summer is remarkable. In partnership, they have created these fantastic new classrooms in time for the new term and enabled the secondary school staff and students to be together for the first time. We are very grateful for all their hard work."

Miss Lee added, "We have been enjoying our new space together over the last two months, and both staff and students have spoken to me about how great it is to all be together on one site. We are really pleased with our new classrooms and the change it has allowed us to make."



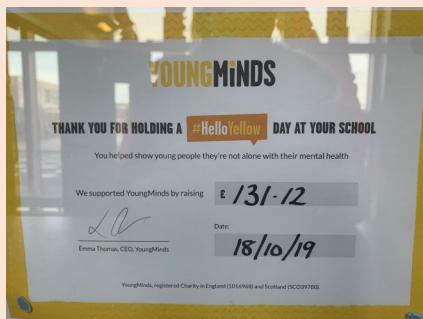
## The Bridge

The Bridge students haven taken part in a lot of hard work, especially in term one. They have worked exceedingly hard at their enterprise projects; this included a cake sale for the 'Young Minds' foundation on World Mental Health Day - #Helloyellow. The students baked their own cakes, helped decorate ones made by staff or brought in/donated. The students then decorated their own stand in the reception area of the Sheerness Campus. The students and Mrs Webb were able to raise an amazing total of £131.12 for the Young Minds Foundation.

The students are currently working on another fantastic project in time for Christmas. We have collected a total of 20 shoeboxes from Haart in Sheerness in order to complete the 'Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child'. They created hampers that staff raffled off to the wider community to raise money to collect items for their chosen boxes. They are also planning on walking into town to use their money to buy small gifts like pens, pencils, flannels and soaps. We are excited about the outcome and can't wait for the students to finish them off and take them into Haart in the coming weeks!

Our Bridge students are opening their eyes to the wider community and working very hard to build positive lasting relationships.

Miss Bates





## Appeal from the family of Millie Wyles:

### **Millie's Raffle - In aid of UK Sepsis Trust (All proceeds will go to the charity)**

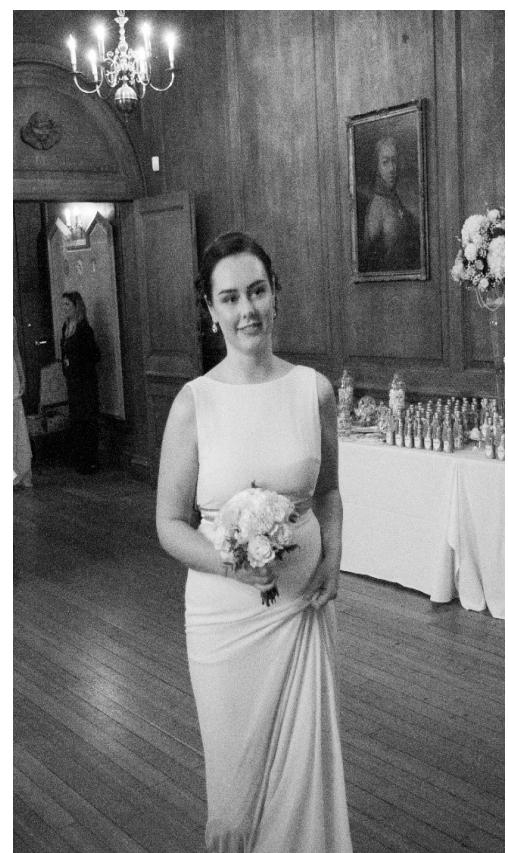
As many of you know, my little sister Millie sadly passed away in August. Millie had flu like symptoms to start with but over the short time of only 6 days, she had multiple organ failure and was on life support. She was diagnosed with sepsis but unfortunately, it had already done the damage to Millie's body and we were told that no more could be done.

Sepsis is a life-threatening reaction to an infection. It happens when your immune system overreacts to an infection and starts to damage your body's own tissues and organs which can often lead to organ failure and death. It can also be called septicaemia or blood poisoning.

The problem with Sepsis is that the definition is only based on recent scientific understanding of the condition, it is still not fully understood and treating Sepsis is still proving highly challenging. The first symptoms are commonly mistaken for other illnesses; for example, Millie suffered from flu symptoms. She was hot and cold, shivering and ached. The symptoms are often very subtle.

As a family, we feel the need to spread the awareness of Sepsis and by raising some money for the charity, hopefully we can contribute in some way to them finding a way to treat the disease or for doctors to be able to diagnose quicker.

Please support us by taking part in our raffle.



With our thanks and love,

Emmy Wyles and family xxx

## **SEPSIS IN ADULTS IS A SERIOUS CONDITION**

that can initially look like flu, gastroenteritis or a chest infection. Sepsis affects more than 250,000 people every year in the UK.

The UK Sepsis Trust registered charity number (England & Wales) 1158843

Seek medical help urgently if you develop any or one of the following:

**S**lurred speech or confusion  
**E**xtreme shivering or muscle pain  
**P**assing no urine (in a day)  
**S**evere breathlessness  
**I**t feels like you're going to die  
**S**kin mottled or discoloured

**JUST ASK**  
"COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"  
IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION, BUT IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.

## **ANY CHILD WHO:**

- 1 Is breathing very fast
- 2 Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- 3 Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- 4 Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- 5 Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- 6 Feels abnormally cold to touch

**MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS**  
Call 999 and ask: **could it be sepsis?**

The UK Sepsis Trust registered charity number (England & Wales) 1158843

## **ANY CHILD UNDER 5 WHO:**

- 1 Is not feeding
- 2 Is vomiting repeatedly
- 3 Hasn't had a wee or wet nappy for 12 hours

### **MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS**

If you're worried they're deteriorating call 111 or see your GP

**JUST ASK**  
"COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"  
IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION, BUT IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.



### Millie's Raffle Prizes: In aid of The UK Sepsis Trust

Please support this great cause and have the chance to win some great prizes! For £2.50 a strip you could win some of the following prizes...

**Sei Bello Hamper** Well, an amazing hair hamper from only the best! We have made a special pack of treats and goodies for you and your hair. Along with a voucher so you can have some pampering!

**A beauty treat at Sei Bello** As well as the hair hamper, our lovely beautician has also gifted a lucky person a voucher for a manicure and pedicure! Get glammed with our Emma!

**The Marble Cakery** Another treat and this time from a popular cake maker. Two spectacular grazing boxes are up for grabs! A basket full of goodies, cakes and biscuits...who wouldn't want to get their hands on these?

**Comedy Night for 2** A roaring evening at the Comedy Club, there are a number of locations around the UK. You and a lucky friend should get ready for a night full of laughs as at least three top class comedians work their magic on stage!

**The Slide at The ArcelorMittal Orbit for Two** Something a little bit different! Fall in style and descend the world's tallest and, at 178m, the world's longest tunnel slide with admission to the Skyline Views and The Slide at the ArcelorMittal Orbit for Two. Spiral down what is also the UK's tallest public artwork, shoot through light and dark breathing in dramatic cityscape views as you go!

**A Gel Mani with Lisa** As well as Emma, we have our lovely Nail Tech Lisa, she is offering a gel manicure. If you miss out on one, there's a chance to win another!

**Chocolate Extravaganza** It's what it says on the box! All your favourite chocolates all in one hamper! Indulge in this delicious treat box and share with all the family...or keep just for yourself!

**Drumming Lesson with Debs** Fancy trying out a new skill? Then this is for you. One lesson of drumming with the lovely lady that is Debi!

**A session with Oli** Oli is kindly offering one free reading or a Reiki session! The choice is yours.

**Massage** A lovely prize and perfect for anyone. A relaxing massage to calm yourself after a busy day at the office!

**Mrs Hinch's Basket** If you're obsessed with Mrs Hinch like many others in the country, then this is the basket of dreams for you! Full of all those products to keep your home spick and span. And if you need a little help, we have included her book to get your home in order!

**Segway Riding** Want to test your skills aboard the future of two-wheeled transportation? With a Segway Thrill for Two, you can get to experience precisely what these super-fun electric steeds can do. Gloriously kitted out in your safety gear, you'll be all set to roll. You'll undertake a short training session to get to grips with the basics before taking on the twists and turns of the rally track!

**The Tower of Games** A selection of family fun games to bring you all together over the Christmas period and through the long wintery nights!

**The Cinema Package** A voucher to see a film of your choice plus some goodies to enjoy, snuggle up on the back row if you desire!!

**Fusion Aesthetics** Some time for you with this generous £50 gift voucher to spend on treatments in Fusion Aesthetics. Something many will want to get their hands on!

**Dermaplane Deluxe** Now if you haven't tried this treatment before you certainly will now! An amazing treatment kindly offered by Claudia worth £65!

**Delicious Dining by V & J** An exciting new business on the island which is already very much in demand. If you win this prize, you are certainly in for a treat. The lovely ladies who run Delicious Dining are offering one of their amazing Festive Food Hampers. One not to be missed.

**Wetherspoons** Thanks to the generosity of the lovely managers of Spoons in Sheerness, you have the chance to win a "Pizza Meal for 4" If you're a pizza fan then this is the one!

**Peach Lace Prints** A local company that is offering you the chance to win 2x £10 vouchers to pick some prints of your choice. Stylish and sassy for the home or do you have a business in need of a new logo?

**Fitness Classes** The fitness queen that is Carmella has generously donated for one lucky person to get their hands on 1 months worth of free fitness classes at Class Fitness held at Sheppey United Football Club! Try something new or get back into the classes you love.

**Mr India** Who doesn't love a curry! Well you have the opportunity to win some vouchers to spend on a delicious meal at Mr India in Halfway!

**Taster Pole Class** Again, if you are fancying trying something new, you now have a chance of winning a taster class in pole dancing! An amazing strong sport with a lovely professional Fran. This is going to be a popular one!

**Cash for Christmas** A very special family close to our hearts has donated £100 cash prize. A lovely gesture and very lucky for the winner of this particular gift.

**These are just some of the prizes that our family have made or have been kindly donated to us from local businesses. Again, all proceeds will go to The UK Sepsis Trust.**

**Tickets can be purchased from Jane Morphey at Oasis Academy, from Sei Bello Hairdressers in Halfway or from the Harps Inn on Minster Road. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and winners will be contacted. Please leave contact details that we can reach you on.**

**We thank you for your continued support and love x  
Emmy Wyles & family**



## CAREERS ADVICE

**What sort of subjects do you think you will need to study to pursue your chosen career?**

This question is very important for students in Years 8, 11 and 13 when making choices for what to study next.

It encourages students to consider what they may wish to pursue for their future career and match these to their own abilities and interests.

Students will need to think about the skills needed as well as the qualifications required. Using websites such as UCAS, CareerPilot and the National Career Service will allow students to investigate what skills, qualities and qualifications are required.

It will encourage students to think and research their 'chosen career' – they may discover that the career they had set their mind on is not the best option for them or discover possible careers they had never considered.

Early research and planning will help students to make informed choices.



## YEAR 11 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students will have received their log-in details for Kent Choices. This will be the place to apply for Sixth Form or colleges.

Year 11 Mentors have received information to support students with their applications.

Any problems please contact Miss Kempt.

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT



**Advertising copywriters** produce words for print, TV, radio and online adverts.

**ANNUAL SALARY** - £20,000 TO £80,000

**WORKING HOURS** – 40 hours per week

### FUTURE EMPLOYMENT –

There will be 5% more Advertising Copywriters in 2023.

**More information:**

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/media/job-profile/advertising-copywriter>

## CAREERS WEBSITES

[https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk/](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/)  
information, advice and guidance on learning, training and work

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>  
choices at 14, 16 and 18, routes to different qualifications and job sectors.

<https://www.careersbox.co.uk/>  
national career film library, showing real people doing real jobs

<https://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/>  
helps school leavers to get jobs and understand career pathways

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>  
search and apply for apprenticeships

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>  
information on apprenticeships



## IMPORTANT CAREER DATES/INFORMATION

### Year 13



University applications begin UCAS Deadline – 15 Jan 2020.

<https://www.ucas.com/> - Year 13 for next steps - university.

# Academy Sounds

Mrs L Baseley

This school year sees a new development in our Year 9 Radio Training activity. In previous years, our students have trained at Sheppey FM Media Centre and completed the training with a live show on 92.2FM. With support from the team at Sheppey FM, we are now able to train in school using our own radio station equipment. This will enable us eventually to broadcast live in school. We continue to visit Sheppey FM to broadcast live shows and the first two sessions of this school year were hosted by Freddie Taylor & Felicity Eustace on Tuesday 15 October, followed by Owen Applegate, Alfie Turner & Dexter Atkinson on Tuesday 29 October.

The students all learnt script writing, interviewing techniques and sound editing. They made jingles and radio productions as well as selecting suitable music to broadcast. Freddie and Felicia interviewed our Principal, Miss Lee, about the changes since the merge of the two campuses. Owen, Alfie and Dexter found out some interesting facts about our two Associate Principals, Mr Fogg and Mr Carlier, including their very wide tastes in music. Both teams shared news from around the Academy including an update of our many new after school and lunchtime clubs. A great way to show our local community all the great things happening around the school. Well done to both teams for some very confident and entertaining shows.



Academy Sounds Radio Studio

Short compilations taken from the recorded shows will be played in the school canteen every Monday lunchtime and students of all years can take part by joining the Radio Club, after school on Thursdays.

There will be three new teams presenting their live shows on Sheppey FM 92.2 this term - Tuesday 12 November, a special show for Anti-Bullying Week by the Anti-Bullying Team, Tuesdays 10 and 17 December will be themed around Christmas. All live shows are from 10am to 1pm.



## Oasis Gardeners

Some of our new Year 9 Gardening group visited Blackburn Lodge Care Home. They will be working on the next phase of the wonderful community garden which was designed by last year's group and installed with Sheppey Matters. After measuring and assessing the area, it was back to school to start on the detailed plans. The second group are working on a design for Barton Court care home. Both teams have produced scale drawings and some have started making these into 3-D scale models. Throughout this school year the teams will learn the gardening skills they need to achieve an ASDAN award in Gardening as well as gaining an Arts Award, using all the designing skills they are learning.



In the after school club sessions, terracotta pots were decorated ready for an activity at the next Dementia Café.



## Peer Mentors

Several of our Peer Mentor team supported the Open Evening in October. They took Year 6 students and their families on tours around the Academy to see what each subject has to offer. They also spoke about the support the Peer Mentor team offer to students who need some help settling in. Many of the volunteers at this event were our recently trained Year 9 Peer Mentors so this was their first time "on duty" at a parent event. They all represented the Academy with confidence and enthusiasm and are fantastic role models to the students they support.

Just one week later, they were "on duty" again at the Year 7 settling in evening.



Year 9 students Ruby Harrison, Kerrin Tremayne and Jamie King, enjoyed talking to parents at the year 7 evening.



Poppy Lassnig and Keeley Miller, Year 10, talking to parents about our Peer Mentor and Anti-Bullying Team.



Save the date ...



## Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 7 December 2019**

**Location: Minster Campus—10am-2pm**

Raising funds for our local charity Care for Christmas

Lots of seasonal goodies, Crafts, Tombola & Santa's Grotto

Free parking, 50p entrance (free for under 5s)

To book a table contact

[Lyn.Baseley@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:Lyn.Baseley@oasisisleofsheppey.org)

## Christmas Fayre



Save the date ...

## Anti-Bullying Week Parent Workshop

**Thursday 14 November 2019**

**Location: Minster Campus—4-6pm**

You are invited to book a place on the Anti-Bullying workshop to meet the Anti-Bullying Team and learn more about the work we are doing in school to reduce bullying behaviour.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out.

Email: [Anti-Bullying@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:Anti-Bullying@oasisisleofsheppey.org)

Or leave a message with reception for a call back

## Anti-Bullying Workshop

### COMING UP...

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is "Change Starts With Us".

Our Peer Mentor and Anti-Bullying Team will be busy all week

- Monday – the Year 10s are off to the annual Diana Awards Anti-Bullying Conference in Alexandra Palace
- Tuesday – four members of the team will present a live radio show on Sheppey FM
- Thursday – Parents and Carers are invited to an Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop
- Every day there will be assemblies showing a video made by the team

**CHANGE  
STARTS  
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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

# Dementia Café

Mr P Murray

Only a term into the new academic year and the Dementia Café has been extremely busy with a number of events already accomplished. Our first event was an outreach café held at Minster Working Men's Club in support of Minster in Bloom on the 12th September. This was followed by a "singing dementia café" on Friday 20th September at Castle Connections in Queenborough, where we were joined by Queenborough Primary School Choir and led by Marina Perryman from the Ideas Test in Sittingbourne. It was wonderful to hear everyone joining in with a rapturous "We're Coming Home" and to have this recorded was a highlight of the day.

Our first in school café this year took place on our Sheerness Campus where 72 guests joined us for an afternoon of entertainment and companionship from our students and St Edwards Primary School. The event was attended by the Mayor of Swale, Cllr Ken Ingleton who has been a constant support to our dementia events for which we are grateful.

The café was followed by further outreach projects at the Park Avenue Holiday Village in Leysdown which was held by Porchlight in aid to World Mental Health Day. Our dedicated students even gave up part of their weekend to serve Sunday lunch to 26 guests for Silver Sunday, a national event which celebrates older people which took place on the 6th October. The event was held at Rumour Café in Sheerness which has become a regular venue for our outreach Sunday lunch events.

On Thursday 31st October, students were invited to the Royal British Legion Village in Aylesford to help host a Halloween themed dementia café at the Gavin Astor House. Students sang, danced, served cakes and made memory boxes and jigsaws with the residents in what we hope to be the first of many visits.

On Friday 1st November, students from the Bridge on our Sheerness Campus supported our art workshop for local care homes. The event was aided by Creative Minds and was well received by those that attended.

In addition to running dementia café events, Mr Murray's expertise in this field was called on as a judge for the National Dementia Awards Under 25s section. Mr Murray will be presenting the award to the category winner on the 27th November at the prestigious Horseguards Hotel in Westminster, where we were crowned national champions last year in a lavish ceremony.

Through the hard work and dedication of our students and supporters, our dementia café has continued to grow from strength to strength. We are very pleased and honoured to once again pick up the Kent Intergenerational Activity Award for the third year running! This is a wonderful achievement and we are hugely proud of our students and their unwavering devotion to this very worthy project. Well done to everyone involved! Champions again! d



## **Sheppey Community Development Forum (SCDV)**

The Sheppey Community Development Forum was set up by Oasis Founder Steve Chalke and hosted at our Academy Campus with the purpose of bringing together all the various areas of our island community. By uniting and working together we are able to move the island forward by sharing the good work of our island community.

The SCDV are currently campaigning for a brown tourist sign on the M2 to inform visitors of what Sheppey has to offer. This is work in progress and we hope to bring you further updates in the very near future.

Swale Community & Voluntary Service (SCVS) are currently working to put in a bid to the National Lottery Fund for half a million pounds to add value to our local community. Volunteers conducted a detailed questionnaire asking the island community what they wish to see on the island. The responses were varied and included a number of interesting initiatives which were collated and digested to form a report. Further studies will still need to be conducted before the final presentation to the National Lottery Fund, however progress is looking fantastic so far.

The Leas Park Run is a project that the forum supported with the help of Kent Sport to promote the benefits of physical exercise for all ages. The first Park Run was on Saturday 28th September and was made possible with funding from Minster Parish Council, Minster Rotary Club and Swale Borough Council. Runners meet at 9am near the sweet hut on the Leas every Saturday morning for a 5k run or walk along the seafront, marshalled by volunteers. Within six weeks the event is now gaining large participants, many are Park Run tourists from off the island attracted by the beauty of the seafront run.

## **Breakfast Club**

We have been providing a free breakfast to all students since May of this year through the National School Breakfast Programme. Numerous researches have linked the benefits of a healthy breakfast to school attainment. Since the start of September, more than 4,500 bagels have been eaten by students!

Why not encourage your child to come in early, meet their friends in the refectory for a free breakfast to get their day started?

**Join us for free breakfast bagels!**

**Available everyday to ALL students in the refectory**

**7:15am—8:15am**

We are pleased to announce that Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), delivered by the charities Family Action & Magic Breakfast.

The charities will supply the Academy with breakfast supplies to enable all students to have a free breakfast before school starts.



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## **Minster Rotary Club**

We thank the Minster Rotary Club for the sponsor of the recent residential course where four of our lucky students had the pleasure of spending a fantastic weekend engaging with various sporting activities. Scott Reeve who led the weekend said it was one of the best weekends he had experienced in 15 years of running the event. Scott commented "You can definitely be proud of all four students. It is so wonderful to see teenagers face challenges and experience achievement." Thank you Scott and the Minster Rotary Club for offering our students this fantastic opportunity.

Mr P Murray

# In the News ....

**Campaign to end polo shared with Sheerness**

## Rotarians want to turn 'whole Island purple'

By John Nurden  
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An 'iron lung' was wheeled into the Oasis Academy so pupils could learn about the crippling effects of polio.

As part of a presentation given by members of the Minster-on-Sea Rotary Club to raise awareness of last week's World Polio Day.

Former club president Fiona Jackson said: "Iron lungs were used in the 1950s to help to breathe for polio sufferers. Chest muscles were so weakened by the disease that victims couldn't breathe without mechanical assistance."

Mrs Jackson added: "We found staff and pupils across the Sheerness and Minster campus who had known polio sufferers."

Polio was common in the UK in the 1950s. There hasn't been a case since the 1980s after all children had to be vaccinated.

It is still prevalent in parts of the world such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

It can cause temporary or permanent paralysis and death. There is no cure. In the drive to

raise the world of polio, children have their little finger dabbed with a purple marker pen after they are vaccinated. Oasis pupils were given hand-knitted 'purple pinkies' to remind them to support the End Polio Now campaign.

Rotarians left purple crocus bulbs behind which are the camp's symbol.

Bulbs were planted at the front of Queenborough railway station by Sheppey College students last Friday as part of a joint project between the Rotarians and Kent Community Rail Partnership and have been sent to all island primary schools.

Mrs Jackson said: "We want to involve all Sheppey children and thanks to donations from End Polio Now and KCRP we can. We want to turn the whole Island purple."

On Saturday Rotarians planted crocus bulbs by the Sweet Hut.

An 'iron lung' was shown to Oasis sixth-formers at Sheerness by members of Minster-on-Sea Rotary Club in a talk about polio

Fancy dress in he

Sheerness Times Guardian Weds 30th Oct 2019

**Our governors**

Elected by your local communities and colleagues, our public governors play a crucial role in making sure you get the very best care possible.

Lead governor **Sarah Bright** reflects on a positive and proactive year...

"Over the last 12 months, I have seen an increase in control and safety across the trust and our public governors have played a key role in this. We have had a positive and proactive year, with the public governors' annual meeting held back over the summer period. This was followed by an annual meeting of the board of governors, by now my 10th meeting where we discussed how the trust has continued to work well together and the positive relationship between the public governors and the clinical team."

John Jackson, He has a long history of being a public governor, having been involved with the governors since 2006. He would like to see a lead public governor for each of the four main areas of Wavelength. Who, coming up to full year for KHT? Her members...

**Our governors in action**

**Sarah West** (Chair 2018/19), our public governor for Kent and Canterbury, reflects on her role as a governor and what it means to be involved in your local community.

"I am really proud to be a member of the panel that appointed our new chief executive and then welcome more than 200 people to our first ever Patient and Community Hospital. We have also received Care Quality Commission (CQC) guidelines in preparation for inspection, which will take place in May 2019."

Our public patient and carer assessments of the clinical environment (PLACE) looked at patient and carer experiences and produced some excellent feedback.

The reviews offer an excellent opportunity to reflect and improve on things. Our public governors were invited to work with clinical managers and colleagues to carry out a series of improvements in our hospitals and community hospitals."

John Jackson, our public governor for Kent and Canterbury, has been involved in the development of the new hospital in Maidstone and Canterbury. John brought together KCHT and partner services, when asked if there was anything he could do to help people live well with dementia.

"John Jackson has been invited to become an Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friend, train volunteers to support people who are living with dementia in their lives. They help people to understand life and how they continue to live well."

The events were well attended and produced some excellent feedback.

**Key to photos**

A Ashton John Barber  
B Cllr Sue Sandys  
C Canterbury Mayoralty  
D Cllr David Price  
E Maidstone David Price  
F East Kent  
G Shepway in Office  
H Thanet in Office  
I Tonbridge and Malling Ruth Davies  
J Out-of-area John Wodehouse  
K Out-of-area John Wodehouse  
L Grahame is currently vacant.  
M Adult Services Amy Heskett  
N Children's Services Sophie Biggs  
O Corporate Services Ian Allen  
P Health and Wellbeing Services Clare Buckingham  
Q Appointed in 2018  
R Public Health Andrew Scott Clark  
S Age UK Nigel Stratton  
T Kent Association of Head Teachers Matthew Wright

**Governors work behind the scenes in various ways:**

- We meet as a full Board of Governors in either January or June each year.
- We serve on committees of the council group (CCG) and local GP patient representative groups.
- We make connections by meeting with other organisations, which provide health services.
- We take part in quality safety visits, covering a wide range of services, to ensure that the trust is providing safe and effective services in an appropriate environment in a caring and supportive way.

Contact us by phoning 01622 211972 or emailing [kht.governors@nhs.net](mailto:kht.governors@nhs.net)

You can find out more information about the role governors play and being a member of our trust at [www.kent.nhs.uk/governors](http://www.kent.nhs.uk/governors)

NHS Community Health Magazine October 2019

A reminder that Friday 8th November is staff inset day. Both academy campuses will be closed as staff will be attending the Oasis National Conference.

Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey - Calendar 2019/20																
OCTOBER 2019			NOVEMBER 2019			DECEMBER 2019										
MON	2	9	16	23	30	MON	7	14	21	28	MON	2	9	16	23	30
TUE	3	10	17	24		TUE	1	8	15	22	TUE	3	10	17	24	31
WED	4	11	18	25		WED	2	9	16	23	WED	4	11	18	25	
THU	5	12	19	26		THU	3	10	17	24	THU	5	12	19	26	
FRI	6	13	20	27		FRI	4	11	18	25	FRI	6	13	20	27	
SAT	31	7	14	21	28	SAT	5	12	19	26	SAT	2	9	16	23	30
SUN	1	8	15	22	29	SUN	6	13	20	27	SUN	3	10	17	24	
JANUARY 2020																
MON	6	13	20	27		MON	3	10	17	24	MON	2	9	16	23	30
TUE	7	14	21	28		TUE	4	11	18	25	TUE	3	10	17	24	
WED	1	8	15	22	29	WED	5	12	19	26	WED	4	11	18	25	
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FRI	3	10	17	24	31	FRI	7	14	21	28	FRI	6	13	20	27	
SAT	4	11	18	25		SAT	1	8	15	22	SAT	7	14	21	28	
SUN	5	12	19	26		SUN	2	9	16	23	SUN	1	8	15	22	29
MAY 2020																
MON	4	11	18	25		MON	1	8	15	22	MON	6	13	20	27	
TUE	5	12	19	26		TUE	2	9	16	23	TUE	7	14	21	28	
WED	6	13	20	27		WED	3	10	17	24	WED	1	8	15	22	29
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School Holidays						Teacher Training Days										
Bank Holidays						Weekends										

**Year 7 & Year 12 Students Return - Friday 6th September 2019**  
All Other Years Return - Monday 9th September 2019

# Extra-Curricular Activities

Term 2 Clubs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Chess	Chess	Chess	Chess	Chess
	KS3 ukulele orchestra	Girls vocal group	Year 9 music ensemble	Boys vocal group	
	Yr7 Basketball	Yr 8 Basketball	Yr 9 Basketball	Yr 10 Basketball	Yr 11 Basketball
	Cartoon Club		Peer Mentoring	Peer Mentoring	Peer Mentoring
After School	Independent Study	Independent Study	Independent Study	Independent Study	Independent Study
		KS3 Football 3:15-4:15		KS4 Football 3:15-4:15	
		Netball Club 3:15- 4:15		Dance Catch Up	
		Hooked on Books		Warhammer Club	
		Elevate Dance		Darts	
		Big Art Attack		Mathletes	
		Drama Club		Radio Club	
		D of E Yr 9 and closed group Yr 10			
		Gardening Club closed group			
		STEM KS3			

# Lettings

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Oasis Academy hosted a conference on behalf of U3A, University of the Third Age.

The **University of the Third Age** is an international movement whose aims are the education and stimulation of mainly retired members of the community—those in their third 'age' of life. It is commonly referred to as U3A. There is no universally accepted model for the U3A. The Conference in the Academy theatre was the inaugural meeting of the Swale branch of the U3A.

At the end of the evening the delegates were entertained by Rebecca Breiner and her Choir, Rebecca is a renowned song signer, pictured here with the Mayor of Swale, Councillor Ken Ingleton.



**ISLE FEST** 2020 NEW LOCATION  
THE BIG WEEKEND TRIBUTE FESTIVAL  
ADULT FESTIVAL FAMILY FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY 18TH JULY SUNDAY 19TH JULY

GATES OPEN AT : 3.00PM BOTH DAYS HOSTED BY SCOTTY MILLER  
MAIN STAGE FROM : 5.00PM EVENT ENDS AT : 10.00PM

GATES OPEN AT : 11.30AM EVENT ENDS AT : 6.00PM  
MAIN STAGE FROM : 1.00PM

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George Michael  
P!nk  
Tina Turner

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TICKET INFO : [WWW.ISLEFEST.CO.UK](http://WWW.ISLEFEST.CO.UK)  
ISLE FEST 2020 @ THE OASIS ACADEMY SHEerness

Tribute act Like the Beatles will be performing in the Oasis Theatre on Saturday 7th December.

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