

## Key Stage 4 Update

This week we look at what has been happening at KS4 at Olive AP Havering.

We currently have a reduced role of 26 pupils in Year 10 and Year 11. We will be expanding up to 32 pupils by Easter, and reaching 40 pupils when building works allows.

Most children who take a place at our KS4 academy programme remain with us until they are ready to progress on to further education, apprenticeships or training programmes linked to employment.

We have successfully supported two pupils on their return to a mainstream school setting during the first twelve weeks of our time as an academy, and aim to support as many Year 10 pupils as possible during the first term who can access a mainstream curriculum.

Our practical, alternative curriculum model linked closely to a range of work-related specialisms and our supportive therapeutic courses are better suited for the need and aspirations of others.

This edition will help to describe some of the elements of our academy's work, and provide some news about many of our successes and achievements.

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## Arts Award

We believe that the Arts, and the creative industries, provide not just a wealth of employment opportunities, but also a way of understanding and engaging in the world around us as a humanising and spiritual force for good.

Through the exciting work pupils at KS4 complete in their Arts Award qualification we have seen the launch of “Olive Media”, an interactive, on-line radio station run by pupils for staff, pupils and friends of the Academy.

This year the radio station has provided news, weather, music and a forum for debate, live phone interviews and feedback on academy life.



In addition, pupils are gaining knowledge about filming, editing and soundtracks in a multimedia setting. Some pupils have achieved quite extraordinary results, in both creative output and academic achievement. But all have engaged, shown real progress in their learning and developed an unenviable set of skills for the technologically-rich future.

## Academic Fitness

All Year 11 pupils have completed their Pre-Public Examinations in English and Maths over the last two weeks. Results from these exams are being shared through a special awards assembly this week. We have tried to recreate the summer results day experience for pupils, both to prepare them for making informed choices about their next steps, but also to spur them on to greater efforts in preparation for the actual exams later this year.

All Year 11 pupils and parents will be invited to a special KS5 Options evening on the 8th February at 4pm. This will be an opportunity to meet local colleges and careers advisors, and to talk directly to our Maths and English specialists about PPE results.

All parents will receive a copy of the achievement certificates form results day as part of their invitation to this important event.

Please try to come along, and encourage your son or daughter to attend with you. This is a really important step in our Raising Achievement Programme for all KS4 pupils.



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## Other News and Events

**We have already had one successful application for the National Citizens Services Challenge Program. An activity residential during the summer holiday with further activities and opportunities in Havering in the autumn.**

**Last year we had two successful participants. Let's double that record this year. All Year 11 pupils can apply. Please get involved—speak to Mr Bolitho for an application pack and further information or go to [www.ncsthechallenge.org](http://www.ncsthechallenge.org)**

### **STEAM Day—February 8th**

**Following our successful Social Enterprise Academy Day in the Autumn Term, we have dedicated our next academy cross-curricular event to exploring the creativity in the world of Science, Technology, the Arts, Engineering and Maths.**

**On this day KS4 will be joined by KS3 pupils to explore the wonders of STEM subjects, but with a creative, artistic and innovative approach.**

**A specialist team will be joining us for the day, incorporating “rocketman” events (designing, testing and actually launching our own rockets into space — or at least near earth space!) with a twist on what are often thought of as boring subjects and activities.**

**A great way to remove barriers to subjects that make up the core of what most jobs are really about.**

## Olive AP Academy – Havering Dates for Your Diary

08/02/2017	Wednesday	STEAM Academy Day
08/02/2017	Wednesday	KS5 Options Evening 4pm

13/02/2017 Monday - 17/02/2017 Friday Spring Half Term

20/02/2017	Monday	Spring Term (2) Academy open
31/03/2017	Friday	Personal Wellbeing Academy Day

03/04/2017 Monday - 17/04/2017 Monday Easter Holidays

18/04/2017	Tuesday	Summer Term – Academy Open
01/05/2017	Monday	Bank Holiday – Academy Closed
26/05/2017	Friday	Community Academy Day

29/05/2017 Monday - 02/06/2017 Friday Summer Half Term Holidays

18/07/2017	Tuesday	Reports to parents
21/07/2017	Friday	Last Day of Term

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