



# ACADEMY NEWS

## Christmas Newsletter

December 2023



As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I am writing to thank you for your ongoing support and to give you brief details of some of the excellent work the students have completed this term and the wonderful opportunities the students have had. I am sure both you and the students would like to thank the wonderful staff at Olive Havering all the best for Christmas and their relentless work and care they show every young person each day. Every student has achieved something special at different times this term, some students have produced some excellent products whilst working in the construction room, there are wonderful examples of English texts that have been displayed in the English room and some outstanding pieces of art for example. We are particularly proud of three students who went through an interview process with a construction company and made such an impact that two students were offered work experience for this year, and one was so impressive they were offered an apprenticeship there and then in the interview – well done all!

Both year 10's and 11's have completed a set of Mock Exams to help them prepare for next summer and year 11's will be completing a second set of Mocks next term to practice and train for their final exams.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and point you to our website where there are several resources and contacts for you if you need any support over the Christmas period.

**Mr Machin – Head of Academy**

### **Skiing at Olive Academy**

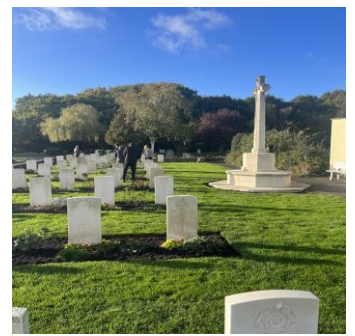
As part of our Outdoor Learning Curriculum this half term students have had the opportunity to participate in dry ski slope skiing at The John Nike Leisure sports Snowsport Centre in Chatham Kent.

All students started on the nursery slopes learning the basics from putting the equipment on correctly to being able to snow plough. Students soon progressed to the main slope to develop their skills. Students also had the opportunity to use the drag lift to take them up the slopes – a hard skill to accomplish.



### **Remembrance Day**

Each November our students and staff attend St Andrews Church for Remembrance Day. Students attended the commonwealth war graves to pay their respects and lay a wreath to honour those who have died in service for our country.



### **Our new gym**

We are much appreciative of funding received through The WPA Benevolent Foundation that means we have been able to develop an area of the academy for health and fitness. We have a significant multi-gym along with supplementary equipment that has allowed us to develop our curriculum and the students are really pleased and active when using this. This has meant that we have been able to improve our PE offer which has made a huge difference to the student's experiences and engagement.



### **Term Dates for 2023/24**

INSET day – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul

## Notices

The Individual Alternative Provision Education Plan (IAEP) meetings have been a huge success this term. These meetings have been a great way to liaise with professionals to discuss your child's progress. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, the front office will confirm the timings of this with you.

We had mock week for Year 10 and Year 11 students during the week commencing November 27<sup>th</sup>. All students conducted themselves amazingly well - we are incredibly proud of all students. Reports will be issued during the IAEP meetings in January where a staff member will go through your child's progress in detail.

**Work Experience** - we are trying very hard to ensure our students have as many opportunities as possible. If you know of any business who offer work experience, please contact Mrs Kaur. Thank you for your support.

### Panto!

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December staff and students went to the Thameside Theatre in Grays to watch this year's Christmas pantomime which was, Jack and the Beanstalk. All students had a great time!



### **Reminder - Day Shape – Jan 2024**

Please see below for our school day.

<b>8.30am – 9.00am</b>	Wellbeing
<b>9.00am – 9.50am</b>	Period 1
<b>9.50am – 10.40am</b>	Period 2
<b>10.40am – 10.55am</b>	Break
<b>10.55am – 11.10am</b>	Tutor Time
<b>11.10am – 12.00pm</b>	Period 3
<b>12.00pm – 12.50pm</b>	Period 4
<b>12.50pm – 1.20pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.20pm – 2.10pm</b>	Period 5
<b>2.10pm – 2.30pm</b>	RRA (Acknowledgement)

Please note that our school day starts at 8.30am

### Safeguarding contact information during the Christmas break

Mr Law – [Joshua.law@oliveacademies.org.uk](mailto:Joshua.law@oliveacademies.org.uk)  
 Havering Childrens Services – 01708 433222  
 (Out of hours) - 01708 433999  
 NSPCC – 0808 800 5000  
 Childline – 0800 1111



### Our School Uniform

As a reminder, please see below our Olive Academy uniform, you can purchase this via the front office.

- White School Shirt
- Black School Skirt/Trousers
- Black School Shoes or Plain Black Trainers
- Olive Academy Ties must be worn.
- Blazer/Jumper Optional

### Year 11s

Year 11s are currently preparing for the summer GCSE examinations. This term students have been sitting mock exams in English, Maths and Science. The summer series for GCSEs starts in May 2024. More information will be sent to carers/parents in February.

## FUNDED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Havering Activities and Food Christmas Programme (HAF)

Supporting families during the Christmas Holiday

From Wednesday 20 December 2023 to Wednesday 3 January 2024

For more information visit [www.Havering.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.Havering.gov.uk/HAF)

Activity Camps

Ice Skating

Sport

Arts and Crafts

Winter Wonderland

Trampoline Park

Cooking