



# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



What an amazing first term we have had! Our students have been busy learning, exploring, and celebrating together, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.



## THE OLIVE FAMILY!

The great Olive Christmas dinner!

A huge thank you to all staff for putting this together for our students.



## SHARING THE LOVE!



We appreciate it can be an expensive time of year, especially for children who are looking to buy for their loved ones. So, each year staff donate gifts for students to wrap and to give to people they most care about.

## ENRICHMENT WEEK



Students have ended the term with a week full of exciting trips; from Panto to Laser Quest, they've all had lots of fun!



# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to all students on their achievements this term.

OA-Hv award winners are as follows:

Conviction Award - Kelsey-Carlos

Ambition Award - Poppy

Reflection Award - Casey

Determination Award - Alzira



# RETURN TO MAINSTREAM

Please join me in wishing Kelsey-Carlos the very best as he leaves the Olive family to return to a mainstream setting.

We are incredibly proud of you Kelsey-Carlos!



# BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

OA-Hv stood tall as 1<sup>st</sup> place winners at the Basketball tournament held by the AP Sports Federation.



# PUMPKIN DECORATING WINNERS!

OA-Hv won the Olive Academies Trust-wide competition!



# REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to Maisyrose Flowers in Collier Row for donating a beautiful wreath which students laid at the Memorial at St Andrews church.

All students were incredibly respectful.





# WHO'S BEEN COOKING?



Well done to our 1<sup>st</sup> Primary cohort for completing their 12-week intervention programme!

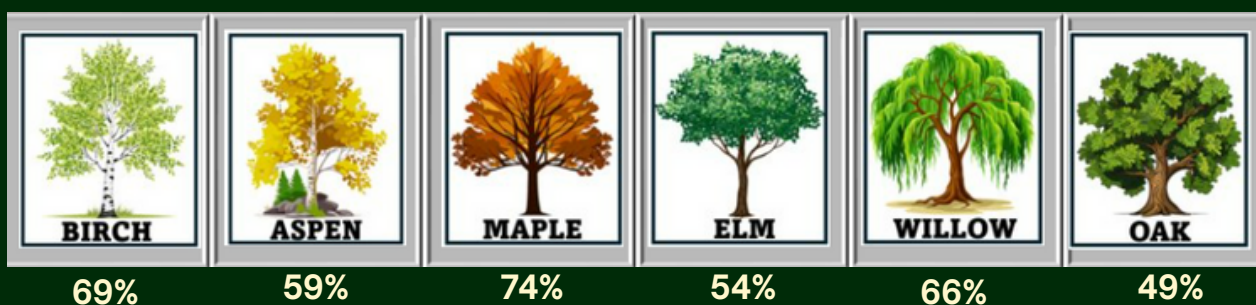


# OUTDOOR LEARNING..





# ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Well done!



Top Tips for a Great Start to the Day:

- 🔕 Switch off phones, games, and other stimulating activities after 10pm to allow time to unwind.
- 😴 Aim for quality sleep—it makes mornings easier!
- 👨👩 Parents can help by ensuring students get up and leave home in time to arrive punctually.

As we approach the New Year, let's see it as an opportunity to reset. Make a resolution to be in school regularly and on time! If you need further support or strategies, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McGee.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 5th January  
INSET day- Closed to Students

Tuesday 6th January  
IAEP day - All students and Parents

Wednesday 7th January  
Yr 10/11 - Trip to The Old Vic Theatre

Friday 13th February  
Last day of term

Year 11 College Open Days:  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Thurrock Campus  
(South Essex college)

Tuesday 10th February 5:00–8:00pm  
Harlow College, CM20 3EZ

## MP VISIT



Julia Lopez MP visited us to learn more about the academy. She toured the site, met pupils, and spoke with Year 11 Citizenship GCSE students about her role as an MP. Julia praised students' ambition, noting their strong aspirations to attend college and pursue ambitious futures.





# SUPPORTING YOU DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Please visit our website for support:

<https://aphavering.oliveacademies.org.uk/>

Just click on the 'Academy Life' tab for a list of supportive organisations.

## Additional support:

- Havering Child Protection Team (social care). Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm) 01708 433222 For out of hours/weekends, please call 01708 433999
- Mental health support: NHS 111 option 2  
Havering CAMHS - 0300 300 1888

**need someone to talk to?**  
**need help?**

**You can talk to the Havering safeguarding team**

**Mandeep Kaur**  
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

**Amanda Jones**  
DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

**Joshua Law**  
DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

**worried about a friend or someone in your family?**  
**Feeling anxious?**

All staff at our academy take safeguarding children very seriously. All staff have been trained in safeguarding and child protection. **If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing, bullying or online safety, please contact one of the following:**

Designated Safeguarding Lead & Head of Academy  
**Mandeep Kaur**  
mandeep.kaur@oliveacademies.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:  
**Amanda Jones**  
amandajones@oliveacademies.org.uk

**Joshua Law**  
joshua.law@oliveacademies.org.uk

You can also contact Laura Pipe, Leah McGee, Daniel Brackley and Luke Puller.

For further support and information you can also contact the London Borough of Havering child protection team on **01708 433222**.

**ChildLine** 0800 1111  
You can also call ChildLine for help or advice.

## THANK YOU!

May I take this opportunity to thank:

**Students** for trusting the Olive family.

**Staff** for keeping the magic alive every day!

**Families** for always answering those calls and working with us.

**Professionals** for their continuous support so that we create the best opportunities for each student.

I look forward to this partnership growing as we step into an exciting 2026!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break.

Mrs Kaur

