

Academy Days

Our “Enriched Curriculum” and Academy Days Programme

This week we are focusing on our Academy Days Programme—special days held four times a year where we suspend our usual timetable to work in different ways with Olive Staff, visitors, experts, mentors or community groups on an issue that relates to the wider learning skills, or in preparation for working life.

This year we have held three of our four days for all pupils from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Read more inside.

Planning for the New Year



We are delighted to hear that the planning application submitted to public consultation has been approved by Havering Council.

We hope that work can commence during the summer, and that there will be little disruption to learning throughout the various phases. The whole project, including refurbishment, remodelling and new buildings, will be fully completed within the next academic year.

We will share news, updates and photos of the build throughout the year.



Paul Phillips **Headteacher**

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Academy Days @ Olive AP Academy-Havering

Social Enterprise Day—December 2016

In December we held our first Academy Day—at that time Key Stage 3 pupils were all based at our Romford Annexe. These pupils worked with the local Salvation Army with their clients, and gained a good insight into the care and charity industry.

Key Stage 4 pupils were involved in a CAFOD Fair Trade Day, looking at how to generate a promotion, sales and import business opportunity that also “gave back” to communities in challenging circumstances.



STEAMCo Day—February 2017

On our STEAMCo Day, we were introduced to the physics of rocket propulsion, having spent time building our own hydraulic rocket systems.

The other half of the day involved exploring how science and engineering have been used by artists from C19th zoetrope to C21st coding and display boards.



Personal Wellbeing Day—March 2017

In March we explored the world of Leisure Industries, mixed with a healthy dose of team-building and resilience!

Key Stage 3 learned to ski, and how to fall over safely, at a dry ski slope in Essex.

KS4 pupils spent an active day at Stubbers, a local Outdoor Education Centre, taking part in a range of activities together.

The best Academy Day so far, one pupil noted!



A Day in the Life...

Nigel Bolitho

Deputy Headteacher



“My day starts at 7.30am when I arrive at the Academy.

My first tasks of the day include:

- Arranging cover for colleagues at meetings or involved in off-site activities.
- Checking the school diary for special events.
- Plan my own lessons and resources for the day.

At 8.30 I lead our daily staff Briefing, highlighting events for the day, and discussing any pupil or curriculum issues to be aware of.

At 8.45 I take up my usual place at the Main Entrance, meeting and greeting pupils as they arrive to the academy. This is a great opportunity for me to pick up on any issues that they may have, so that they are ready for learning as quickly as possible.

Apart from my own teaching, (PSHE and Humanities,) most of my day is spent walking around the whole academy to check that pupils are in lessons and engaged with their learning. I supervise Break and Lunchtimes, making sure that staff are on their duty points, supporting the smooth running of activities, and ensuring that pupils return to lessons promptly.

At the end of the academy day for pupils I wave a cheery goodbye to our pupils, then lead Debriefing session with staff to review the day's highlights and points to address

Following Debriefing I often chair a staff meeting, either relating to personal development, welfare and behaviour, or meet with agencies outside of the academy.

I have at least one late meeting a week, discussing plans and progress with Leadership colleagues.

Having completed all of my paperwork, planned lessons and updated my resources, I usually lock up the academy at around 6pm.

Home for tea by 7pm (hopefully....)

Olive AP Academy – Havering Dates for Your Diary

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

Romford Recorder Friday 5th May 2017

Lynes helping to give schoolboys vital lessons – in and out of ring

BOXING SPECIAL

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Colin Lynes has been taking time out from preparing for his 60th professional fight to give some valuable lessons to local schoolboys.

Hornchurch father-of-five Lynes, 38, is due to fight on the MTK Promotion at Brentwood Arena on May 19 and visited pupils at Olive Academy recently taking along some gloves and skipping ropes, to talk to them about his own experiences and also run a session.

And he has also been hosting small groups at the Hornchurch & Elm Park club, where he honed his own skills as an amateur at the start of his career.

On the Friday morning when I visited the gym in Kilmartin Way, Lynes was working with year 10 pupils Buster, Dean and Amal and looking like a natural for a possible coaching career when he eventually hangs up his gloves.

He said: "I get lots out of it. There's a satisfaction seeing the children that you can't express.

"Youth clubs have been taken away for political reasons and yet tape and these clubs are few and far between.

"It's a case of getting them involved in some physical activity. "It needs to be entertaining, so they can learn new skills. They're not all going to become boxers, I won't push them.

"But if it helps them focus and become disciplined, they can find a comfortability and consistency and feel better from it and help organise their day.

"We wake up every day not fancying our job, but I try to life coach and mentor them to get involved."

The boys certainly appeared to enjoy the chance to get out of the classroom and learn some tips from a professional boxer.



Colin Lynes with pupils from Olive Academy and teacher Lisa Wilson at the Hornchurch & Elm Park Boxing Club.

Buster was straight into the action, completing a warm-up with Lynes and then attacking the bags hanging from the ceiling and working on the pads in the ring under the watchful eye of Lynes.

He said: "It's good to come and take your anger out, Colin helps a lot. You can lose your temper on the bag, instead of hurting someone else. You can come here and let yourself go."

Dean also got involved in the session and added: "It's very good to get away from school for a little bit." Amal was happy to watch his classmates on this occasion, but said: "Boxing is a good way of getting rid of aggression."

Teacher Lisa Wilson was also grateful for the help given by Lynes, adding: "It's so important to work with professionals and Colin relates so well with the boys, talking to them about making the most of life.

"He is very good at talking to the pupils and mentoring them. And Gary, our taxi driver from Hornchurch Mini Cabs, is also very good and patient with the pupils."

It was only a short 45-minute visit, but inspiring to see the work being done by Lynes, who is hoping to help the club return to some of its former glories.

The building could certainly do with a bit of a makeover, but Lynes

spoke enthusiastically about a new era, adding: "Hornchurch & Elm Park Boxing Club has always been very community focused. You don't have to be a boxer to come down and see how you go.

"It's a disciplined group, with respect for one another. Boxing is the best sport for that, you realise what it takes when you're having a hard session next to someone else.

"We're open every night, but classes are full at the moment, from the ankle biters up.

"We hope to put shows on again long-term and take boys to other shows, we've got three or four who have got their cards now."

Mrs Wilson's Boxer Boys

A great article this week in the local Press about our Enriched Sports Programme.

Thanks to Mrs Wilson for developing this exciting addition to our curriculum offer!

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