

## Our Grand Opening— Thursday 3rd November 2016

### Welcome back!

This week sees the official launch of Olive AP Academy — Havering, when invited guests, Trustees, parents and students join us for a formal opening ceremony.

Keynote speakers include

- **Mark Vickers**, Chief Executive Officer, Olive Academies Trust,
- **Professor John West-Burnham**, Chair of Olive Academies Trust, and
- **Councillor Roger Ramsey**, Leader of Havering Council.

Staff and students have been working hard to prepare presentations, catering and displays for this important event.

We will share photos and news from the event in our next edition.

*Paul Phillips*

### Headteacher

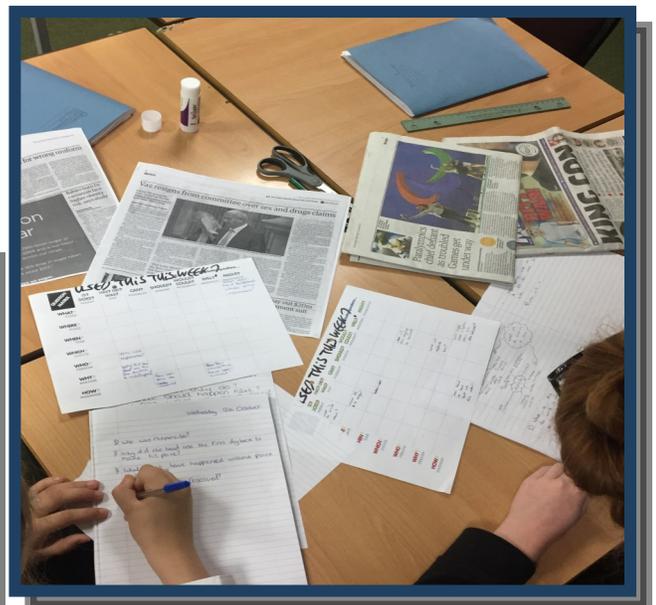


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## “Olive Academies

is a multi-academy trust, approved by the Department for Education. It is one of the first academy sponsors specialising in alternative provision in England. Its principal aims are to encourage students to develop the confidence, skills and knowledge to believe that they can be successful in their own lives.”



## **English Studies** at Olive AP Academy — Havering

We were delighted to welcome Ms Holland to our teaching Staff in September as our new Head of English. Ms Holland joined us from Newham. She started her teaching career in Havering, and we were delighted that she was successful in taking on this important role.

Ms Holland gives us an insight into some of the work done by students in her lessons:

All students have English lessons which teach through a rich literary and media focus. As well as in English lessons, all other lessons are crafted to address individual literacy needs and to improve our students' knowledge, understanding and skills in thinking, talking, reading and writing.

### **KS3 English**

Our KS3 students continue with their studies to ensure that they are best able to transfer to a school of their choice as soon as they are ready.

### **KS4 English**

As descriptive writing is worth 25% of the final GCSE grade for English, every class has begun the year with a unit on "Description". This has led to some very exciting and creative work from our students. We have learned about different descriptive techniques, such as the creative use of adjectives, adverbs, similes, metaphors and personification. We have studied how to improve our use of language when describing characters, settings and movement. We have also focussed on extending vocabulary and sentence structures to enhance our descriptions. In addition to this, Maple pupils have been studying the language of newspapers in preparation for Section A of their GCSE.

**Chyna has been developing her descriptive writing by using varied sentences, adjectives, adverbs and expressive vocabulary. Enjoy her creepy short story:**

### **The Fearful Walk!!!**

As I walked warily through the dark, ferocious corridor I hear nothing but silence. Walking through the corridor, I am petrified of what will happen next. All I see is creepy crawlies and cobwebs.

While walking my way through I hear whispers, but when I look there's nothing there. Upon turning, I noticed transparent footprints, I smell something pungent. Suddenly, I see the door slowly opening and the noise echoes through my ears. I stopped. I looked. I listened. In front of me appeared a fiery red hot curly wig attached to a deathly white face. I gasped...

One of our Key Stage three pupils produced this piece of writing, describing what it feels like to ride a rollercoaster.

## Rollercoaster

Before I got on the ride I looked at it and I felt

EXCITED.

As I got into the seat I was thinking when are we going to go?

The ride moves SLOWLY UPWARDS and sounds like a creak and I feel HAPPY.

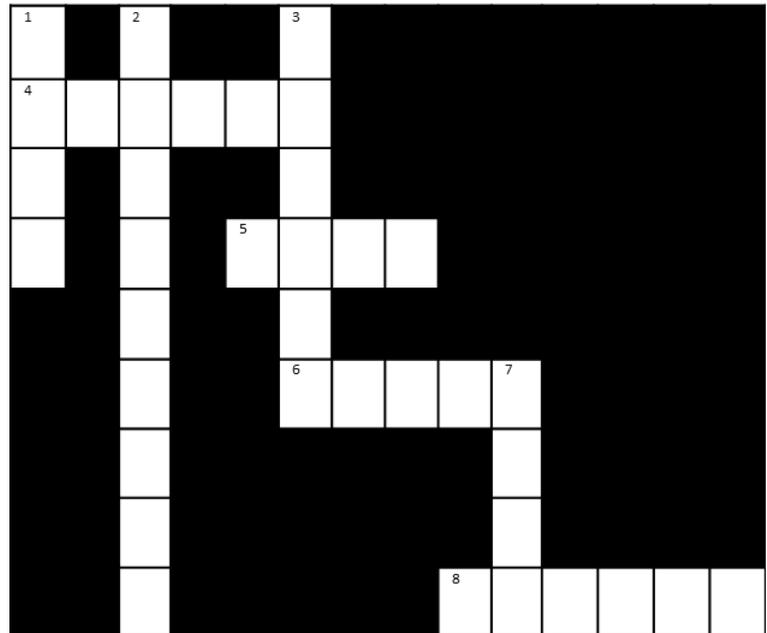
We drop QUICKLY towards the ground and IT FELT LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.

As we slowed down I think it's FINALLY over.

But then I see the GREAT BIG loop that we are going into and I feel NERVOUS.

I get off the ride and I feel UNHAPPY it's over.

Can you solve this tricky crossword created by Dean Wakeham, Year 10?



1. The colour of treasure (4)
2. Go' on this light (4, 5)
3. It's a fruit you can peel (6)
4. The colour of skin on another peelable fruit (6)
5. The colour of the sky (4)
6. The colour of paper (5)
7. A new colour on West Ham United's kit in the 90s (4)
8. The colour of a plum (6)



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**Demon!**

A demon shaped like The Hulk rips through the woman's body. As he gobbles up her bones, he starts getting bigger like a balloon ready to pop. Poof! Another demon shows up, with a face like a giant ape and arms like a metalman. Out of nowhere, the two demons had a massive battle all around the world.

By Jordan Ringland

## Olive AP Academy – Havering Dates for Your Diary

03/11/2016 Thursday	Academy Opening Event
19/12/2016 Monday	Social Enterprise Academy Day
20/12/2016 Tuesday	Off-site Programme (Half Day closure)
21/12/2016 Wednesday	INSET Day 3 – Academy Closed
22/12/2016 Thursday - 03/01/2017 Tuesday	Christmas Holidays
03/01/2017 Tuesday	INSET Day 4 – Academy Closed
04/01/2017 Wednesday	First Day of Spring Term – Academy Open
26/01/2017 Thursday	KS5 Options Evening
10/02/2017 Friday	STEAM Academy Day
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

## Contact Us

We know that the best way to support our young people at the academy is to ensure we have really strong communication links with family. We appreciate the support we receive from home, and any information is followed up in our daily prebriefing and debriefing meetings.

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## Thought for the week—Celebrating Diwali

Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights and is traditionally celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains and is one of the most significant festivals in the Indian culture. The word Diwali means rows of lighted lamps and it is known as the Festival of Lights because houses and shops are decorated with candles and colourful lights. This shows the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Troubles as light as Air, love as deep as Ocean, Friends as Solid as Diamonds, and Success as bright as Gold... These are the wishes for you and your family on the eve of Diwali. Read more at <http://festivals.iloveindia.com/diwali/diwali-quotes.html#2sS3waYoFv1IqMAJ.99>