

Happy Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this busy time of year, we are taking the opportunity to review some of our successes over the first term:

- * We were pleased to return from our summer break with news of some good examination results for our '2016-'17 Year 11 students. 100% pass rates in examinations entered in many subjects, and all students signing up to further education or training;
- * Summer works saw the arrival of two new classrooms to provide extra space during the imminent building programme;
- * Additional security for our students with the installation of perimeter fencing and access gates;
- * Revised curriculum offers to all pupils, including Engineering, Sports Leadership, Creative iMedia, Prince's Trust, Adventure Ed and Humanities;
- * We have successfully reintegrated 23 students on to mainstream school places since September;
- * We have welcomed 12 students through our Intervention Programme at KS3.

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Paul Phillips Headteacher

Building Update

We are pleased that a great deal of work has been completed by the Local Authority in preparation for our major building programme. As well as the perimeter fencing and electronic gates system, high quality porta cabins were installed on site to provide us with much needed teaching space during the works.

We anticipate works to begin in early Spring on the old Medical Tuition Centre, providing four new classrooms, office and meeting spaces, and a connected corridor to the main building.

At the same time, our reception will temporarily move to the Main Hall area as the new building works starts at the top of the car park.

Once this work is completed, hopefully by the end of the Summer term, our main building will be refurbished and remodeled over the summer holidays.

Our new accommodation will provide high quality general teaching rooms, specialist gym, Creative Media, Catering and STEM teaching areas. We will also have a fully integrated building, allowing students access to all rooms internally.

This is a huge investment in the educational chances for our young people, and will allow us to deliver a wider range of academic and therapeutic programmes.

Our Curriculum Update...

We are constantly reviewing and refining the curriculum we offer to students at the Academy. Some students have access to a wider range of support from groups of professionals from the Local Authority in Education, Health, and Social sectors, and this is provided to support their main academic and world of work learning.

This term we have introduced Humanities in Years 7, 8 and 9, within our thematic curriculum. In January we are launching our STEM programme for these pupils, with basic Science, Ecology and Environmental sciences. Our Adventure Ed programme continues, developing students' resilience to challenge and teamwork. We have remodelled our Citizenship and PSHE programme through our Achieve curriculum, with a sharper focus on weekly challenges and reviews.

For all students we are introducing a structured coaching programme, dealing with individual aspirations and guidance on learning and wider key skills.

For students in Years 10 and 11, we are introducing all students to the full curriculum offer: English Language (& Literature for many); Maths and Stats, Money Management and functional skills; Engineering BTEC (STEM); Business Studies BTEC; Sports Leadership BTEC; Creative iMedia BTEC; and Prince's Trust Award.

To accommodate the learning time required, as discussed at our Progress Review meetings, lessons will be provided with an additional 5 minutes for plenary and extended writing time.

New Year Resolutions...

Our commitment to improving learning

- * We offer a **Breakfast Club** for early attenders from 8.45am until Tutor Time in our canteen area.
- * **Tutor Time** for all students starts at **9am**, with Coaching and afternoon Reflection Time and Student Forum sessions;
- * **Extended Learning Time:** All lessons have been extended to ensure that we have time for extended writing, reinforcing learning time, challenging thinking and mastery of knowledge, skills and understanding;
 - * **Academy finishes at 2.40pm every day, for all students;**

* **Full time provision for all pupils: -**

- * **All students are on full-time timetables.** Ensuring a full time offer will increase learning outcomes, and crucially ensure that all pupils are able to record improved attendance to the academy;

* **Tackling distractions:**

We have always had a clear **"No Phones"** policy at the Academy, but some students have not followed expectations. **All students** will be required to hand in devices so that they can be secured away until the end of the day. We will use a discreet search to make sure that this expectation is complied with.

We are a **no-smoking site**, as with all public buildings, and we will not tolerate any smoking on site

* **Character Points:**

Students have been able to accrue Character Points in their learning at the Academy, and we will continue to celebrate success through Student Forum, certificates and other rewards. This will be relaunched in January.

Olive AP Academy – Havering Dates for Your Diary

- 02/01/18 Tuesday - INSET Day 3 - Academy closed for students
- 03/01/18 Wednesday - INSET Day 4 - Academy Closed for students
- 04/01/18 Thursday - First day of term - all students.
Year 11 Pre-Public Exams
- 05/01/18 Friday - Year 11 PPEs continue
- 12-16/02/18 - Spring Half Term holidays
- 30/03/18—13/04/18 - Easter Holidays
- 20/07/18 Friday - Last Day of Term

Year 11 Mock Exams—Thursday & Friday 4th-5th January 2017:

Time	9-9.30	9.30-10.15	10.15-11am	11.15-12 noon
Thursday 4/1/18 Maple	Registration	Engineering	iMedia	English
Friday 5/1/18 Maple	Registration	Maths	Prince's Trust	Sport
Thursday 4/1/18 Birch	Registration	Maths	Engineering	Prince's Trust
Friday 5/1/18 Birch	Registration	Sport	English	iMedia
Thursday 4/1/18 Palm	Registration	Maths	English	Prince's Trust

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