

The Oldham LORIC



Welcome to the third edition of the Oldham LORIC, our monthly newsletter that celebrates all that our students and staff have achieved.

The Summer Term is always a busy time at Oasis Academy Oldham. As our Year 11 students focus on their GCSEs, we have been doing everything we can to support them to excel and wish them the very best as they complete their exams later this month.

Meanwhile, the rest of the school have been continuing to make the most of the diverse range of opportunities on offer to raise aspirations, expectations and achievement for all students.

There are many examples of how

students have developed their Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication (LORIC) skills with us over recent weeks.

Read on to find out more about our involvement in the Art Activist Showcase in Liverpool, our university pathways programmes as well as our continuing partnership with Jamie's Farm.

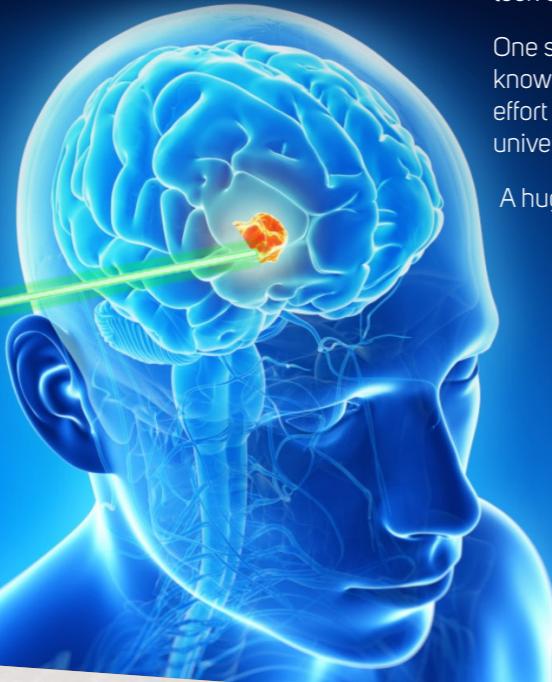
Within this issue, you will also find the latest news about our Family Forum, as well as the exciting launch of our new academy website.

Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

University Pathways Inspire

Two groups of talented Year 9 students have been developing their skills for the future as part of some inspiring University Pathways programmes.

The programmes, which have been running throughout this academic year, are the result of a partnership between Oasis Academy Oldham and The Brilliant Club - a charity dedicated to giving pupils who are under-represented at university the confidence to reach their full potential.



From studying seventeenth-century religious poetry in English workshops to exploring applications of particle accelerators in maths and science tutorials, each group specialised in one area, working with PhD staff from universities to carry out in-depth studies into the chosen subjects.

After taking part in a series of tutorials, the ambitious students were tasked with completing assignments on subjects that even university students would barely scratch the surface of.

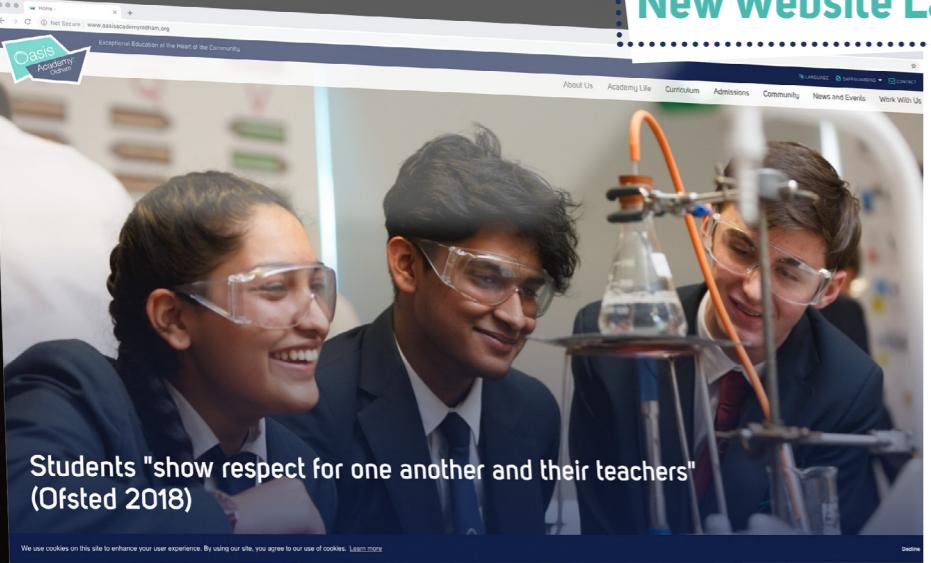
We are very pleased to report that our students really did us proud, they took on the challenge and excelled.

One student commented: "I now know about the hard work and effort I need to make to go to university and reach my goal."

A huge well done to everyone involved!



New Website Launched



Students "show respect for one another and their teachers" (Ofsted 2018)

We are delighted to announce the launch of the brand-new Oasis Academy website.

Featuring lots of useful information for current and prospective parents, the website includes details about life at our school, our vision and values, our curriculum and our community.

You can access all the day-to-day information you need, including term dates, admissions, transition, academy lunches and school uniform.

There is also a chance to view our latest news, events and social media feeds as well as our new video prospectus.

Visit:
www.oasisacademyoldham.org
to find out more.

Art Activists

Five members of OAO's Space2Be, the academy's diversity and equality club, have taken part in the annual Art Activist Showcase in Liverpool, hosted by the Proud Trust.

During the event, our students had a great day meeting other young people, playing sports, singing, watching a drama performance and speaking on stage about their art work and our academy.

Our students designed, created and displayed a piece of art entitled 'Can you see me?'. The message of the piece was to promote the visibility and equality of LGBT+ young people within schools, and to encourage adults that work with such young people to consider how they can ensure inclusion and equality.

Dahley, a Year 9 student who attended the event, said: "It was so amazing, we met some cool people and I can't wait to go again next year."

Ms Hale, Curriculum Leader of PSHE, added: "It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet with other young people from across the North West and for us to proudly share our artwork with others."

Back to the 80s!

Rehearsals are well underway for our fabulous school musical 'Back to the 80s'!

Set in a 1980s American High School, the musical takes a tour of the decade through the eyes of a lovesick teenager during his final senior year at school.

This is a light-hearted comedy story, with lots of 80s favourites and pop culture references that are sure to raise a smile.

The show will be taking place on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July, information regarding tickets will be available soon.

Don't miss out!

The Oasis Nine Habits

At Oasis Academy Oldham, we believe in the importance of continually developing our character to become the best version of ourselves. We, therefore, actively promote and practice the Oasis Nine Habits.

By practicing these habits, it enables us to develop an understanding and tolerance of each other through knowledge, mutual respect, believing the best and forgiveness. Individual rights are respected and choice will be exercised within a culture of self-discipline.

In May our habit to focus on was:

SELF – CONTROL

Self-control is having the ability to manage our own emotions and actions. When we have self-control we are not controlled by our own emotions but are able to maintain a right perspective on our life, our work and our relationships. It is a key part of emotional intelligence.

In June our habit to focus on is:

HUMBLE

To be humble is to recognise that all people are created equal and are therefore of equal value. Because of this, a humble person will not laud it over others or use power to coerce, or pursue positions and status but instead will choose to serve others, seeing their intrinsic worth and giving them honour and encouragement.

Making a Habit out of the Nine Habits

When you come into the Academy, you will see Oasis' nine habits displayed proudly around the corridors.

These habits are essentially the values that help make us great individuals and a strong community.

Our Nine Habits Postcard Challenge is going down a storm, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the families that have taken the time to complete

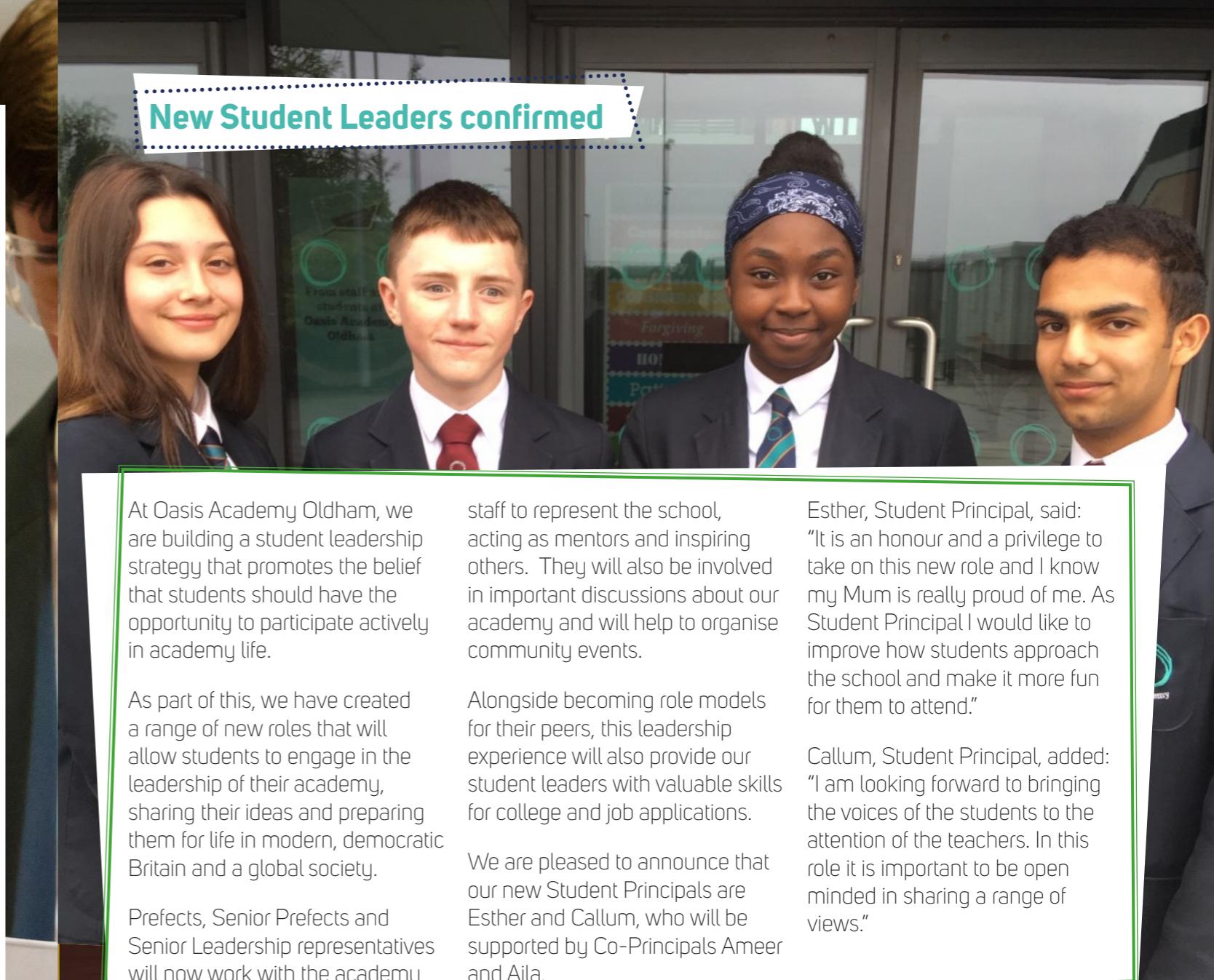
a postcard so far. It is a great way to celebrate and recognise your child's efforts in demonstrating the Oasis habits.

Congratulations to 8JFS for once again returning 100% of their Self Control postcards, which means that Nakama continues to hold the top place on the leader board. As a reward, the class received complimentary express lunch tickets for Fish & Chip Friday, with alternative treats available for students participating in Ramadan.

Entries are now open for **humble** postcards, and we look forward to reading about everything our students are doing when we count them all up at the end of the month!

Remember, if you complete the challenge your family will receive four tickets to our summer Oasis Nine Habits Family Dinner and Disco.

New Student Leaders confirmed



At Oasis Academy Oldham, we are building a student leadership strategy that promotes the belief that students should have the opportunity to participate actively in academy life. As part of this, we have created a range of new roles that will allow students to engage in the leadership of their academy, sharing their ideas and preparing them for life in modern, democratic Britain and a global society. Prefects, Senior Prefects and Senior Leadership representatives will now work with the academy staff to represent the school, acting as mentors and inspiring others. They will also be involved in important discussions about our academy and will help to organise community events. Alongside becoming role models for their peers, this leadership experience will also provide our student leaders with valuable skills for college and job applications. We are pleased to announce that our new Student Principals are Esther and Callum, who will be supported by Co-Principals Ameer and Aila.

Esther, Student Principal, said: "It is an honour and a privilege to take on this new role and I know my Mum is really proud of me. As Student Principal I would like to improve how students approach the school and make it more fun for them to attend."

Callum, Student Principal, added: "I am looking forward to bringing the voices of the students to the attention of the teachers. In this role it is important to be open minded in sharing a range of views."

Jamie's Farm

Twelve lucky Oasis Hub Oldham mentors had the chance to visit Jamie's Farm Hereford last month as part of our ongoing partnership with this fantastic organisation.

During the visit the mentors were encouraged to challenge themselves and work together as a team as they learnt more about the roles and responsibilities of life on the farm, including caring for the animals and growing fruit and vegetables in the onsite kitchen garden.



Oasis Oldham's Family Forum

We believe that it is incredibly important for schools and families to work closely together for the benefit of our students. That is why we have been reviewing how we communicate with parents and carers and looking at ways that we can work in greater partnership.

Our Family Forum is now firmly established on the calendar and lots of great ideas and opportunities to collaborate are being developed through this.

Communication is Key

In direct response to some great feedback from our recent family forum group, we are now offering a weekly drop in for parents and carers.

This will commence from Wednesday 19th June:

- **Every Wednesday 9am – 1pm**
- **Every Thursday 2pm – 4pm**

The next Family Forum will take place from **6pm – 7pm on Thursday 11th July**

Everyone welcome!

At the drop in session a member of our pastoral team will be on hand to talk to you about your child. If you request a follow up from another relevant member of staff this will happen within 24hrs of your drop in.

It goes without saying that you can of course continue to telephone, email or call in at any time to request a meeting with a member of your child's team.

Eid Mubarak

To mark the conclusion of the Holy month of Ramadan, we held a celebration of Eid-al-Fitr, which means "Festival of the Breaking of the Fast".

It was wonderful to bring together students from across the academy to celebrate this important festival and share delicious food.



Supporting our Year 11 students

As we near the end of the GCSE exam season, our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard to give their very best.

Alongside supporting them with their revision, we also recognised that there have been times when students needed to relax in-between a busy exam schedule.

For those students who have had two exams on one day, we have run a range of initiatives to help them unwind. This included time to play football on the Mugga pitch, free fish and chips and ice creams, as well as sharing messages and cards from teachers to encourage everyone to keep on going.

Well done Year 11 – we are proud of you!