



Oasis Academy South Bank **Prospectus**



A message from our CEO

A very warm welcome to Oasis Community Learning!

I am delighted that you and your family are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy South Bank.

Oasis Community Learning was established as a Multi-Academy Trust in 2004 with the vision to create "Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community".

We now run academies in four main regions throughout the UK, providing either Primary, Secondary or All-through education.

All of our academies are committed to providing a rich educational experience and ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve at the highest level.

Our ethos is integral to that provision. It is an expression of our character, a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. We are committed to a model of inclusion, equality, healthy relationships, hope and perseverance throughout all aspects of the life and culture of each academy community.

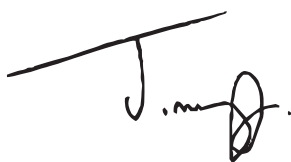
We passionately embrace learning and are committed to every child within our care reaching their full potential, developing holistically across every area of their lives both now and in their future.

All of this is underpinned by our philosophy of education which highlights our focus on inspirational leadership, deep learning and healthy communities. It aspires to develop the character and competence of every child within every community of which we are a part.

At Oasis Community Learning therefore, we believe we are all 'the architects of our students' lives' and as such we are committed to laying the right foundations for every one of our young people.

So we look forward to your family potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure your children become confident learners ready to fulfill their aspirations in life.

Best wishes,



John Murphy

Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning

Principal's Welcome

We are extremely proud to welcome you to Oasis Academy South Bank, an Outstanding 11-18 academy in the heart of the Waterloo community.

All students are welcome with us, regardless of starting point, need or complexity. We embrace diversity, are totally inclusive and believe that all students here will 'Climb the STAIRS to Greatness' and reach our two end goals of getting their dream job and becoming a model citizen.

Students at Oasis Academy South Bank are happy, motivated and kind. We aspire for our alumni to be highly desired and sought after by world-leading organisations but with a passionate drive to give back to their local community.

The foundations of our academy rest on an excellent curriculum offer which seeks to 'open doors' and 'close the gap' for all of our young people. This, coupled with the highest possible expectations of all our students creates a culture of success in which every member of our school community can thrive. We believe that there are no limits to what they can achieve if we all: students, staff and families work together.



Anna Richardson

Principal



“ Students have a strong work ethic; their social responsibility and pride in the Oasis community are particular strengths ”

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About Us

Oasis Academy South Bank opened on the 2nd September 2013 with a founding cohort of 120 Year 7s. Since then, we have grown year on year and are now full in every Year Group with 600 students in the lower school and 120 in our Sixth Form. We were awarded Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted and continue to strive to 'get a little bit better every day' to be the very best school we can be for our local community.

Our Values

'Climb the **STAIRS** to Greatness'

Our **STAIRS** values underpin all that we do:

S - Scholarship - We focus relentlessly on securing outstanding academic qualifications and developing a love of learning in all our students.

T - Transformation - We believe that everyone can change for the better and everyone has the power to change and influence others for the better.

A - Aspiration - We know if you aim high and believe in yourself then you can become anyone or do anything.

I - Inclusion - We do not select based on ability or faith. We include all aspects of a child's development. We believe we are one family: we never make anyone feel isolated or alone.

R - Resilience - We understand that 'greatness' does not come without huge amounts of hard work, perseverance, determination and effort and we must never give up.

S - Social Responsibility - We care for our community and help others whenever we can.



Our Vision

Our vision is that all young people, regardless of starting point, will '**Climb the STAIRS to Greatness**' at Oasis Academy South Bank. Through **love, nurture** and a **rigorous academic** focus, Oasis Academy South Bank students will ultimately be successfully and happily employed in a career with prospects and become model citizens.

In short, we want to make sure that every young person has the opportunity to progress into employment, to have a career with prospects. We aim for every student to develop strong values and characteristics that ensure they have happy and fulfilled lives.

We work in partnership with our local community, creating links with both local and national businesses and organisations. Through these connections, we aim to engineer opportunities for our young people to have meaningful interactions with the world of work; building knowledge of, and raising aspirations for, a range of careers.



Safeguarding

Oasis Academy South Bank is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website.





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"I like that in our school, as well as our normal lessons, we also learn about jobs and our futures. This year I am going to visit and learn more about PWC, Build Studios and Meta.

Year 7 student

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1. Core Curriculum

At Oasis Academy South Bank, we have carefully planned our curriculum to 'open doors and close the gap'. This means that the academy offers a traditional core academic curriculum, in addition to a rich and varied enrichment curriculum. From Year 7 the following subjects are compulsory and taught in line with the National Curriculum: English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign Language, History, Geography, Religious Education, Computer Science, Music, DT, Art, Drama and Physical Education.

We have a key focus on literacy at both Key Stage 3 and 4. The Academy day begins at 8.30am with forty minutes of DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) which is designed to foster a love and enjoyment of reading. This time is spent in House Groups, our students' 'in-school families', where students have the opportunity to build strong relationships with both peers and their House Coaches.

At Key Stage 4, the following subjects are compulsory: English, English Literature, Maths, Double or Triple Science, a Modern Foreign Language, History or Geography and one or two further option choices. Our option subjects at Key Stage 4 include: Music, Drama, Engineering, Art, PE and Food Technology.

Through all our curriculum we ensure there is a rigorous focus on literacy and numeracy so that all children exceed national expectations. Additionally, we carry out regular, meaningful assessments in all subject areas so students and parents are consistently aware of student progress and how to move forward.

2. Innovative Enrichment Curriculum

We know that education goes beyond a traditional academic curriculum and our unique and innovative enrichment curriculum serves to unlock the potential in all children in three key areas; creative arts, careers and citizenship. Students have the opportunity to pursue a range of additional interests, for example: Musical Theatre, Dance, Human Rights, Farming, Debating and Swimming. We also work with a variety of local, national and international businesses to collaborate on careers projects delivering careers education for our students in a variety of sectors; for example technology, engineering, architecture, medicine, media, journalism and professional services. Collaboration with these top companies, including Facebook, EY, Clifford Chance and PWC, supports us to develop employability skills in our students, ensuring they leave us well-equipped to secure their dream job.

The Oasis Entitlement

All of our pupils enjoy the Oasis Entitlement, a guaranteed set of opportunities during their time at the academy:

- Reading strategies so that every student becomes a fluent reader
- Access to online learning
- Access to high quality mental health support
- Be a student leader or mentor
- Be part of a school production
- Be part of a school team
- Play a musical instrument
- Play an active part in a Hub project
- Attend a residential trip
- Visit the theatre, an art gallery and an museum
- Visit universities and places of work

Pupils can join existing clubs at the academy, but also pitch new ones to our staff. We have many exciting lunchtime and after school activities which include a variety of sports clubs and training, newspaper club, board games club, choir, film club, MedSoc and many more!

Oasis Hub Waterloo

Oasis Academy South Bank is proud to be part of the wider Oasis Hub Waterloo, which works alongside local families and supports our community in a number of different ways. All families at Oasis Academy South Bank are invited to get involved with our local community work, including:

- Oasis Centre - our drop-in community space, also home to the local Waterloo library.
- Advice Centre - offering debt, housing, benefits and immigration advice
- Playspace - our children's centre with parent and toddler groups
- Oasis Church Waterloo - our inclusive and informal church for all
- Waterloo Foodbank
- Youth work, 1-2-1 and therapeutic small group work
- After school activities including youth clubs, sports, social action and gender/identity based programmes.

Admissions Criteria

The PAN (Published Admission Number) for Oasis Academy South Bank is 120 Year 7 pupils.

Families should apply through the CAF (Common Application Form) online.

If your child currently receives Free School Meals (or has done at any point between Year 3 and Year 6), then you should also complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available on the school website. This must be stamped by your child's primary school and returned in person or by email to the Academy by Monday 31st October.

For more information about the application process, over subscription criteria, tie break procedures, waiting list, appeals and more, please see our Admissions Arrangements on our website.

If you have any questions in the meantime, we'd be more than happy to answer them. You can contact us via office@oasissouthbank.org

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I started at Oasis South Bank in 2014 as a shy young boy with no sense of direction. Through the support of teachers and the firm values the school holds, I was given direction, discipline and was ultimately moulded into the young man I am today; a degree apprentice at Procter and Gamble. I spent 7 years learning in the South Bank school and Sixth Form, and the skills I learnt unlocked my potential and allowed me to be where I am at today

Ibrahim, Class of 2020

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Our son started with Oasis Southbank in Year 7 and is currently in his last year of the Sixth Form. Our experience of his time here has been incredibly positive, we would go as far as to say 'fantastic'. In our opinion the school and staff go above and beyond to push your child to achieve and excel but somehow amazingly manage to do this without being overbearingly strict. Our son has always felt seen, heard and understood by staff, this has built a mutual respect for one another that we feel has helped him to grow into a well-rounded young man, eager to learn from his tutors and engage with them

Kelly-Ann, South Bank Parent

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A Message from our Founder



When I started Oasis back in 1985, I had no idea it would grow into the wonderful family of charities that it has become today. In Oasis Community Learning, we are the country's second largest provider of Academy schools, educating around 30,000 children and young people. Through Oasis Aquila Housing, we provide housing for vulnerable young people. With Oasis Community Partnerships we run social projects – from community farms and coffee houses to churches and children's centres – and much more besides. And we do this in communities as diverse as Gateshead in the North East to Bristol in the South West. So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe your child should receive the very best formal education, but also that there is more to a healthy life and future than simply the knowledge they hold. Every one of us is a product of the community in which we live. That is why Oasis is passionate that every community served by one of our Academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included and

valued, and has the ability to thrive and achieve their full, God-given potential. That is why Oasis' vision not only aims to deliver outstanding education, but also to help build great local neighbourhoods.

We are motivated by our core Christian ethos which means that we believe every person – those of all faiths or none – are equally valuable and have a part to contribute in helping this vision become a reality. Helping a young person realise who they are meant to be is about more than simply the qualifications they get or the job they want; it's about how they see themselves and those around them. That's why Oasis' goal is to help create great communities where every young person achieves their best, respects themselves, values those around them and contributes to the good of all.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to an Oasis Academy in order to experience this for yourself.



Steve Chalke, MBE

Oasis Founder



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