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Principal's Welcome

A very warm welcome to Oasis Academy Silvertown

A very warm welcome to Oasis Academy Silvertown and we are delighted that you're considering our academy for your child(ren.) When you become part of Oasis Academy Silvertown, you are joining more than a school; you are joining a family at the heart of its community. Every member of our staff are advocates of this and our ethos and values, and we work in partnership with you – the parents and carers of our students – so your child(ren) can reach their academic potential, develop their character and nurture their talents and interests, so they become excellent citizens who will lead happy and rewarding lives when they leave the academy.

We care deeply about creating an innovative, exciting and inclusive learning environment centred around our Oasis ethos:

- A passion to include everyone
- A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences
- A commitment to healthy and open relationships
- A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed
- A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

Our local vision is that Oasis Academy Silvertown will transform students' lives by preparing them for the university or career of their choice, and enable them to transform and give back to their community as leaders. This is why our mission statement is aspirational: **Ready for university. Ready to lead.** We want the very best for every student who joins our family, and work hard to help them see their ambitions for post-secondary education become reality.

We aim to achieve our mission through 5 key principles, held by our family of staff and students. We call these our 5 "Be"s:

- **Be Proud.**
- **Be Professional.**
- **Be Nice.**
- **Be Independent.**
- **Be Resilient.**

When you walk through the halls of our academy, these principles, our warm, aspirational approach and our high expectations are palpable. At every turn, students' achievements are recognised and celebrated and staff and students interact respectfully and compassionately with one another.

We understand that as parents and carers, nothing is more important to you than ensuring your children are happy, healthy and have the best opportunities in life so that you can be proud of them. That's why keeping your children safe and continually stimulated to learn is our top priority.

You will often see me at the gates, welcoming our children into our beautiful academy home or seeing them off safely at the end of the day. If you happen to notice me and would like a quick word, please don't hesitate to do so. We are here to serve our community and appreciate taking the time to get to know you and your needs.

I look forward to meeting with you, and hopefully welcoming you into our academy and another exciting academic year.



Johanna Thompson
Principal, Oasis Academy
Silvertown



About Oasis Academy Silvertown

Here at Oasis Academy Silvertown, we are an all-inclusive, co-educational academy for students aged 11-16 based in the heart of the West Silvertown community. We have the highest expectations of our students and are dedicated to helping them reach their potential from the moment they join us at year 7 through to the day they leave for their next chapter.

We are a small, 4-form entry academy, with specialist teaching staff, all working as a strong network of educators to provide an engaging, enriching curriculum at all levels of age and ability. We have 120 spaces available for year 7 students to join us each September.

We are delighted to share that we are an Ofsted rated “Good” academy with outstanding features (Ofsted, 2017), and strongly believe that the relationships our students have with their teachers is a key part of this. We are one family focused on achieving, succeeding and thriving together. Our academy exam results are available on the website.

Facilities

To support our teachers, we have state-of-the-art facilities set up in every classroom and breakout learning spaces available for small group work or students with SEND. If you’d like a tour of the academy, we’d be delighted to show you around our classrooms, library and resource centre, sports hall, rooftop MUGA, drama studio, and food and design technology spaces.

We are committed to delivering a broad and ambitious curriculum at OA Silvertown, including sport, music and the arts. Our academy is fully equipped to nurture the passions of all our students.

“Being part of Oasis Academy Silvertown is like being part of a family. They help you to reach your highest potential. The teachers are knowledgeable and understanding, they help you in lesson and if needed outside lesson too, making sure every student feels confident in their learning.

There are many opportunities such as extra-curricular clubs for everyone, school trips, school competitions and student roles.

I would recommend Oasis Academy Silvertown as it’s about more than lessons; it is a family which keeps you safe and also supports you in your highest and lowest moments.”

Abdur, Year 9





Life at OA Silvertown

Life at our academy is exciting, enriching and full of opportunity. Lessons begin at 8:30am and end at 3:15pm, with afternoon clubs running on weekdays until 4:15pm.

We offer a breakfast club to all students in partnership with Magic Breakfast; so feel free to come by at 8:20am, and have a healthy start to the morning before a day of learning.

Our lessons are timetabled with care to ensure that students are given a rich selection of subjects every day, and time to rest and socialise at breaks.

Lunches

Our academy lunches are tailored for all dietary needs and are balanced and nutritious. Students are able to choose what they would like from the varied daily menu and are encouraged to sit together and dine as a family. At Oasis Academy Silvertown, you will find that many of our staff choose to dine alongside the students, and you will often overhear learning discussions continue over lunch! Children are also very welcome to bring in packed lunches, but we do ask that lunchboxes are clearly labelled and healthy.

You can find out more about our lunches and free school meals by visiting our academy website.

Enrichment and extra-curricular activities

At Oasis Academy Silvertown, we are committed to ensuring that the highest quality academic curriculum is offered, underpinned by a competitive enrichment programme. Every child has the opportunity to access a variety of enriching experiences from the first term in year 7 through to the end of year 11. To this end, in addition to the national

curriculum subjects, we offer enriched curriculum opportunities at lunchtime, afterschool and through our academy-wide enrichment days.

We have year-round enrichment programmes in Music, Art, Literature and Drama, Sport, STEM and Careers. More information about this is available on our website.

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 teaching staff. We have many exciting lunchtime and after school activities some of which include: football club, basketball club, table tennis club, band club, choir, languages club, science club and our 'Skittles' club for students who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies.

Supporting everyone

Inclusion is at the heart of every school day. This means whatever your child's needs, we will have the highest expectations of them and we are supportive of all. We have programmes in place for students with SEND, tailored to individual needs and bespoke areas where students may break away into if they wish – during learning or play times. We have strong partnerships in place locally with all professionals who support students with SEND, including Speech and Language Development professionals and local authority officers. To find out more about our SEND offer, please visit our website.

Uniform

We take pride in each and every one of our students at the academy, and know that they are equally proud to be wearing their academy badge on their uniforms.

The academy works with local uniform providers to ensure you have ready access to everything you need. We also make good condition second-hand uniform readily available via our community partners West Silvertown Foundation. Details of how to contact West Silvertown Foundation to acquire or donate second-hand uniform are on our website.

Behaviour and rewards

The key to building positive behaviours and habits is through high expectations, a clear, consistent approach and an aspirational environment where the achievements of students are celebrated, and excellent behaviour is recognised and rewarded. Therefore, recognition and rewards are given in class and in assemblies for excellent behaviour and learning every week. Our big end-of-term rewards assemblies are motivational, inspiring and ensure all our students' efforts and achievements are celebrated.

Our relationship with parents and carers

We value our partnerships with parents and carers and we are committed to communicating with you regularly. We believe strongly in and value your input to help your child fulfil their full potential.

We are committed to providing dedicated time for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss what is working well and how to improve, including subject specific priorities, progress and budding passions. We provide this through 1:1 meetings at the beginning of the year, parents evenings throughout the year as well as workshops parents can attend. We offer a wide range of opportunities for parents to connect with the academy and other parents informally including to attend performances and for termly "Coffee and Catch-up" sessions with the Principal.

The academy commitment to equality

Our aim is to provide an excellent education for all our pupils. Our way of doing this is to work hard to improve achievement, progress and the standards of teaching and learning continually. At the same time, we also aim to meet the needs of the whole person and the whole community because we understand that education is not solely school based, and that everyone who is part of a child's life affects their understanding of the world. In this sense, every person matters. You can read our equality objectives on our website.



“ Oasis Academy Silvertown works closely in partnership with parents to provide a constructive and safe environment for students to grow socially and academically.

We highly recommend this academy, who strive for excellence in all areas of teaching and learning.

Oasis Academy Silvertown provide students with limitless opportunities to explore their talents and independence preparing them to be ready to lead.”

Uma and George, OA Silvertown parents



Curriculum Approach

At Oasis Academy Silvertown we are proud of our broad and ambitious curriculum, which exposes our students to important knowledge and understanding as well as inspiring them to become life-long learners. Every student is supported and challenged to achieve success across the curriculum as well as to find and pursue passions and areas of interest. We ensure that all students have strong foundations in English and Maths as well as studying a range of other subjects including RE, PE, art, DT, drama and computing.

Every subject taught, all our assemblies and extra-curricular activities are designed to include three golden threads: Character, Competence and Community. We encourage our students to reflect through the 9 Habits on the people they are and hope to become, and the role this plays in their learning journey. Our lessons are planned with intention to build competence through language, exploration and enrichment; our young people leave us feeling excited about their futures and proud of the skills they've acquired. We also explore the role these play in how we view and give back to our communities, on a local, national and global scale. This helps build deep and meaningful learning across all our subjects and topics. Detailed information about each subject is available on our website.

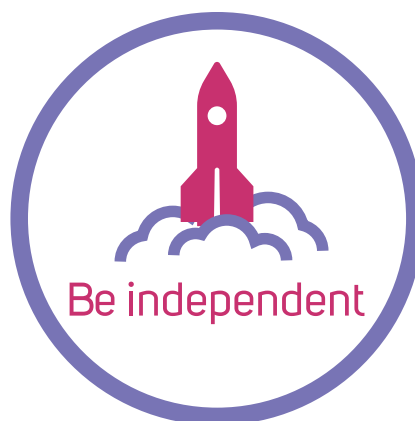
Careers

From year 7 through to year 11 we make sure careers education, information, advice and guidance is a core part of our curriculum. Our programme is detailed, aspirational and most importantly tailored to our students' needs. It includes having 1:1 support from learning coaches where students can discuss what they enjoy about learning and how that might reflect into a career, work experience placements, career guidance days with special visitors, school trips into multiple industry workplaces, university taster days, life skills workshops, and our big annual "Futures Week" in the summer term. One of the highlights of "Futures Week" is our year 9 Careers Networking Evening where our students interact with adults in a wide range of professions and industries.

In the summer term of year 10, all students complete a work placement to gain practical experience of a workplace in an area which interests them. Support and advice will be given to students when finding a place to complete their work experience, and through a visit to their workplace during this time.

Alumni

Our alumni programme ensures our past students continue to contribute to Silvertown academy life and inspire future cohorts to even greater success, with our alumni frequently returning to the academy to give talks in assembly, mentor students and support at academy events. We also provide tailored 1:1 support to all our students when they receive their GCSE results and support them in their next steps to and through post-16 study.



Destinations

We are delighted that over 95% of our students continue successfully into post-16 study. We are proud that such a high proportion of our students go on to study at elite sixth forms in Newham and beyond, such as Newham Collegiate Sixth Form, Brampton Manor Academy, Mossbourne Community Academy and London Academy of Excellence as well our sister academy, Oasis South Bank. We are also proud of and support our students with accessing the highest quality apprenticeships, and those who have been accepted to prestigious sports scholarship programmes including with Leyton Orient and West Ham Football Club.

After post-16 study, we have seen our alumni go on to follow fulfilling pathways such as studying at universities which include Oxford University, UCL, Kings College, Warwick and Southampton, as well as accessing degree level apprenticeships.

“Results are just the end of the road. The paths that lead to them are the most important. Oasis is an amazing path.”

Sophie, Alumnus

Oasis Horizons

With Oasis Horizons, every child who joins the Oasis Academy Silvertown family will receive their very own iPad for the duration of their time with us. We want to give our children equality in their opportunity for learning, therefore the iPad will be theirs to use at school and at home.

Filled with educational apps, the iPad is used in lessons for exploration of learning, class quizzes and teamwork projects. They are a fantastic teaching tool for our staff to keep on top of new resources, pupil understanding and preparing our young ones for a future working with digital technologies.

The iPads have strict e-safety measures in place to keep every child safe online, both at the academy and at home, alongside lock and tracking features should the device go missing.

We're sure you'll have lots of questions about this, so feel free to visit our website to find out more.

“Outcomes are outstanding because leaders have ensured that all groups of pupils make rapid progress and no time is wasted.”

Ofsted, May 2017



Our Partners

Our academy is part of a global group of charities called Oasis, working world-wide to help communities create a place where everyone is included and reaching their God-given potential.

We know that great schools are only truly sustainable within happy and healthy communities. Therefore, Oasis develop 'Hubs' across the country, which provide wide-ranging, holistic and integrated services for the whole family and wider community.

At Oasis Academy Silvertown, we are building strong and lasting local partnerships. We understand the value these partnerships in being able to offer our students a full range of support services and opportunities for their development, whether that is linking with a youth club for social support and confidence building or local businesses for experience and insight into the wider world.

We work closely with our community partner, West Silvertown Foundation, who deliver services within our community, provide opportunities for our young people and support the work that we do. You can find out more on our own website, and by visiting West Silvertown Foundation's website.

We are also proud of our strong partnership with West Ham Foundation, who provide our students with excellent opportunities during the school term, as well as visits and trips and who play a key role in supporting the transition of students from our feeder primary schools into Year 7.

Global Partnerships

Depending on local need, Oasis global hubs work to empower children and adults. Oasis are involved in everything from anti-trafficking and football clubs to micro-businesses.

All students at our academy have the opportunity to engage with the global work of Oasis, whether that is partnering with a school in another part of the world, taking part in fundraising events or sending care packages to our community.

For more information about the work Oasis does around the world please visit the main Oasis website.

How to apply

Do you want to be part of our successful Oasis Silvertown family? Apply for a place today. Applications can be made via the admission section of Newham Council's website.

For 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

T: **0207 059 2500**

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A message from our CEO

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

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 fulfil their aspirations in life.

Best wishes,



John Murphy

Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning

“The school’s work to foster pupils’ personal development is first rate. Pupils benefit from and enjoy a wide range of engaging activities.”

Ofsted, May 2017



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 25,000 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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