



# ORACLE



As we complete another half-term, I would like to thank you for your support of the academy over the last few months. We have just seen another outstanding production and performance of Mary Poppins.

The show ran over three nights last week and was a fantastic showcase for our very talented students. Many thanks to the entire Performance Faculty for putting on a tremendous experience for the students and for all those family and community members who have supported this.

We also have a number of our students currently in Cape Town and then New York over half term. This is part of the academy's commitment to try and ensure its students have access to as many and as varied experiences and challenges as possible. If you would like to follow the progress of either trip, you can do this via their respective Twitter accounts, @CapeOssma and @ossmanyc.

There are further planned days of strikes across much of the country on the 1st of March, the 15th of March and the 16th of March. As an academy, we have to prioritise Year 11, who are now only a few months from their GCSE exams, so we will always expect them to attend on these days. We only have enough non-striking staff to cover one more year group on each occasion. Year 7 attended on the 1st of February, so I intend to allow the following year groups into the academy on each of the next strike days:

1st of March – Year 11 and Year 8  
15th of March – Year 11 and Year 9  
16th of March – Year 11 and Year 10

This will mean that Years 7-10 have had equal access to education during this time. If anything changes in the meantime, I will contact you.

We also look forward to welcoming Year 9 students and their parents to our Options Evening on the 8th of March. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to discuss with subject teachers the various options that are open to your children over the next two years. The evening begins at 6pm.

**Nick Brennan**  
Principal

# FEB 2023

## DIARY DATES

**Return to the Academy**  
Tuesday 28th February

**Wednesday 1st March**  
Strike Day - Years 8 and 11 in the academy

**Thursday 2nd March**  
World Book Day

**Wednesday 8th March**  
Year 9 Options Evening

**Wednesday 15th March**  
Strike Day - Years 9 and 11 in the academy

**Thursday 16th March**  
Strike Day - Years 10 and 11 in the academy

**Wednesday 22nd March**  
Year 7 Parents' Evening

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## THE INAUGURAL CAPE TOWN CHALLENGE 2023

Students and staff have embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Cape Town in South Africa. The idea is to offer an opportunity to students for an enrichment programme that will challenge and encourage students to perform and fulfil their own potential. A wide range of opportunities will be given to learn about different cultures as well as a chance to develop social and personal skills in a team environment.

The initial phase of the project required students to engage in various fundraising activities that they organised. A criterion of the project was that students raised £500 of the required total. Students delivered presentations to the rest of the group on their fundraising ventures. Each staff member on the team also had to raise £2000 towards the cost of the project.

To get a place on the project students completed an application form and participated in an interview. Mr Ahmed, Trip Leader and Student Welfare Coordinator said "I have organised to take students to Cape Town as we can tailor a programme which conforms to fundamental British values. South Africa is a diverse country which over the last 30 years has undergone dramatic change with the abolition of apartheid and free democratic elections."

During the visit students will go to local schools and a variety of community initiatives and projects. They will be delivering play activities and fun games to primary school children, help out with a Soup Kitchen, visit the host high school, an AIDS orphanage and a visit to District Six Museum to find out about the forced clearance of a community of 60000 people along with many other activities.

Students prepared for the trip with activities such as sports coaching activities, AIDS awareness training, gang violence workshops, drug and alcohol awareness workshops, arts and crafts workshop and developing literacy skills by being tasked with reading to a group of students in a classroom in South Africa as well as taking questions.

This project offers a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable skills that enrich the students and provide them with key life skills that will benefit them in the future. We are extremely proud of those who have taken on the challenge!



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It is coming up to exam season and Year 11 are preparing to take their final examinations with us. Below is the current exam timetable. Please note that Wednesday 28th June is a national contingency day. If any exams cannot run for whatever reason before this date, they will run on the 28th. If you are booking any holidays please do so from Thursday 29th June. Our Year 11 Prom date is also 23rd June, more details will be going out in due course.

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Title
TBA	TBA	00:00	AQA	Italian Speaking Test
TBA	TBA	00:00	AQA	Polish Speaking Test
TBA	TBA	00:00	AQA	Spanish Speaking Test
TBA	TBA	00:00	OCR	Drama: Devising Drama Pstl Mod
TBA	TBA	00:00	OCR	Drama: Prsntng & Prfrmng Txt Digital
TBA	TBA	00:00	EDEXL/GCSE	Urdu Speaking
Mon 15 May	09:00	00:00	AQA	Religious Studies P1
Mon 15 May	13:15	00:45	AQA	Italian Listening and Reading
Mon 15 May	13:15	01:30	OCR	Drama: Drama: Prfrmnce & Rspns Wtn
Tue 16 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	Biology Paper 1
Tue 16 May	09:00	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1
Tue 16 May	13:15	01:00	EDEXL/KSQ	The Music Industry
Tue 16 May	13:15	00:45	EDEXL/GCSE	Urdu Listening and Reading
Wed 17 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	English Literature Paper 1
Thu 18 May	09:00	00:00	AQA	History Paper 1
Fri 19 May	09:00	01:30	OCR	Mathematics: Paper 1/4
Fri 19 May	13:15	02:00	EDEXL/KSQ	Health and Wellbeing
Mon 22 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	Chemistry Paper 1
Mon 22 May	09:00	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1
Mon 22 May	13:15	01:30	AQA	Geography Paper 1
Mon 22 May	13:15	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	Responding to an Engineering Brief
Mon 22 May	13:15	02:00	EDEXL/KSQ	Promotion and Finance for Enterprise
Tue 23 May	13:15	01:45	AQA	Religious Studies P2
Wed 24 May	09:00	02:15	AQA	Eng Lit Paper 2
Wed 24 May	13:15	01:15	AQA	Italian Writing
Thu 25 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	Physics Paper 1
Thu 25 May	09:00	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1
Thu 25 May	13:15	01:25	EDEXL/GCSE	Urdu Writing
Mon 05 Jun	09:00	01:45	AQA	English Language Paper 1
Tue 06 Jun	09:00	00:45	AQA	Spanish Listening and Reading
Wed 07 Jun	09:00	01:30	OCR	Mathematics: Paper 2/5
Wed 07 Jun	13:15	00:00	AQA	History Paper 2
Fri 09 Jun	09:00	01:30	AQA	Geography Paper 2
Fri 09 Jun	13:15	01:45	AQA	Biology Paper 2
Fri 09 Jun	13:15	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2
Mon 12 Jun	09:00	01:45	AQA	English Language Paper 2
Tue 13 Jun	09:00	01:45	AQA	Chemistry Paper 2
Tue 13 Jun	09:00	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2
Tue 13 Jun	13:15	01:15	AQA	Spanish Writing Test
Wed 14 Jun	09:00	01:30	OCR	Mathematics: Paper 3/6
Wed 14 Jun	13:15	00:45	AQA	Polish Listening and Reading
Fri 16 Jun	09:00	01:45	AQA	Physics Paper 2 Tier H
Fri 16 Jun	09:00	01:15	AQA	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2
Fri 16 Jun	13:15	01:15	AQA	Geography Paper 3
Mon 19 Jun	09:00	02:00	AQA	Design and Technology Written Paper
Wed 21 Jun	09:00	01:15	AQA	Polish Writing Test
Wed 21 Jun	09:00	01:30	WJEC/GCSE	Hospitality & Catering Unit 1: Paper