

# ACADEMY NEWS



Olive A P Academy  
THURROCK

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Newsletter

July 2022

It has been another busy term for staff and students at OA-Th. I'm incredibly proud of the hard work that we've seen from all pupils; Year 11s finalised their vocational qualifications for moderation, Year 10s sat their mocks, while our KS 3 students have extended their knowledge of all things British as part of a bespoke curriculum. This has included a historical tour of The Orsett Hall, a talk on hospitality careers and being treated to afternoon tea. They have been to London, some to experience the docklands railway and the Cutty Sark, while another group of students visited London's Southbank and spent the afternoon at the Globe. It's been an enriching term, bringing learning to life.



Following the annual safeguarding audit from Anchored Schools, I'm pleased to announce that OA-Th has been awarded the platinum award for continued improvements and outstanding practice in safeguarding. To be recognised in such an important area of our work is amazing and it's testament to the continued priority we place on safeguarding our academy community. Anchored Schools has also asked if they can use our academy as a provision to signpost others to. We, of course, have said yes! I couldn't be more proud of the work we have put into keeping our students and staff safe and our ongoing efforts and attention in this area.



Thanks to the extensive CPD for trauma informed practice and attachment undertaken by staff at the academy, we have gained accreditation as a trauma informed school. This is such an important achievement which recognises our staff commitment to supporting our students and meeting their individual needs. Well done to all involved and thanks to Thurrock Virtual School for funding the training.



It's my pleasure to round-off this term's update with a congratulations to the OA-Th team for winning two awards in the Thurrock Education Awards, celebrating excellence in education. This year saw a record number of nominations, making the achievement even more special. Well done to all. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break, it's well-deserved!



Collette Hunnisett, Executive Headteacher

## Your Academy Advisory Board



I am Huw Derrick and I am delighted to introduce myself and the work of the Academy Advisory Board (AAB) of Thurrock and Havering academies.

The AAB is a group of people that meet each half-term to support your school leaders with the smooth running of the academies. Members currently include local headteachers, trustees of Olive Academies and local authority managers. Those who attend bring knowledge and experience to guide staff in providing the best possible education for your children. They also want to hear from you about your views on the education of your child.

I am the independent chair of the AAB and I too have worked in the local community for many years as the principal of a secondary academy. I have also served in HM forces as an Officer in the Royal Navy. Whilst now retired I am excited to be working for a trust that believes that every child and young person has the ability and right to learn and achieve. My job is to encourage everyone to work together in challenging and guiding Collette Hunnisett and Gary Haines in their efforts to ensure every pupil is inspired to be successful.

I thank you all for your support and look forward to opportunities to meet and talk with you in the next academic year. Further information about the work of the AAB can be found at [Olive Academies | Governance](#) and I can be contacted via either academy at [info.thurrock@oliveacademies.org.uk](mailto:info.thurrock@oliveacademies.org.uk)

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

From the start of term in January, we will be requiring all our students to wear the correct Olive AP Academy uniform. We have been addressing this with all our students over the last couple of weeks and would very much appreciate your support with this. As a school, we believe uniform is important because:

- We want students to feel proud to be part of Olive and be proud to wear our uniform.
- We want students to be safe and to focus on learning – none of the listed uniform items will slow learning
- We do not want students to feel under pressure to purchase certain brands (e.g. trainers).

### The values that underpin our work:

#### **Conviction**

*Everyone has the capacity to reach their potential.*

#### **Determination**

*Not giving up on those who have not experienced success.*

#### **Ambition**

*All challenges can be overcome and education is an important lifelong journey*

#### **Reflection**

*Learning from experiences and developing a capacity to improve further.*

## Olive AP Thurrock —Dates for your diary

20/07/2022	Last day of term—students finishing at 12.30pm
01/09/22—14/10/22	Autumn term 1
05/09/22	First day of term for students
17/10/22—28/10/22	Half term holiday
31/10/22—20/12/22	Autumn term 2
21/12/22—04/01/23	Christmas holiday
05/01/23—10/02/23	Spring term 1
06/01/23	First day of term for students
13/02/23—17/02/23	Half term holiday
20/02/23—31/03/23	Spring term 2
03/04/23—14/04/23	Easter holiday
17/04/23—26/05/23	Summer term 1
01/05/23	Bank holiday
05/06/23—21/07/23	Summer term 2
23/06/23	Inset day—no students on site
22/07/23—31/08/23	Summer holiday

## Contact Us

We know that the best way to support our young people at the academy is to ensure we have really strong communication links with family. We appreciate the support we receive from home, and any information is followed up in our daily debriefing meetings.

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