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Weekly Newsletter

Message from the Principal

I am assistant coach for my son's basketball team the U-13 Hertfordshire Warriors. Over the weekend we had a league game and I was a proud Dad to see him score 2 baskets against some good opposition. Included was a long-range basket that had me thinking "this boy is making progress." I guarded him against over-confidence in the next game and lo and behold, he forgot his role in the team and tried some long range passes he had no right to make. Result ? Ball turned over to the opposition, Head Coach in despair and he was benched. Coach went over and made two sharp points to him about how he needed to get back to basic basketball. I gave him the Hollywood speech about having to bounce back from criticism and having 3 minutes to prove himself again. Given some more court time at the end of the game, he came back with a new attitude, followed instructions and scored another 2 baskets.

As parents and teachers we come alongside young people and sometimes forget how their youth and inexperience will lead them being up one minute and down the next. One reason that we aim to give all students the chance to represent the school at a sport is the opportunity it gives for them to experience the exhilaration of a last-minute victory or the hard lesson of a substitution. Throughout both experiences we aim to be alongside them, giving them tips and encouragement as we aim to build character for the future.

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 16 November	:	Learning Review Day
Wednesday 15,16 December	:	Assessment Day
Friday 17 December	:	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 December - Friday 31 December	:	Christmas Holiday
Monday 3 January 2011	:	Public Holiday
Tuesday 4 January	:	Staff Training (Academy Closed)
Wednesday 5 January	:	Start of Term at 8.45am





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YEAR 9 TRIP OUT – MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Dear Parents and Year 9 Students

We are still missing a lot of reply slips from Year 9's giving permission for these students to attend all of the Trips Out this academic year. The first trip out is coming up in a matter of weeks so please ensure that if you have yet to return your reply slip that this is completed this week and returned to the main office.

A copy of the letter is attached to the newsletter.

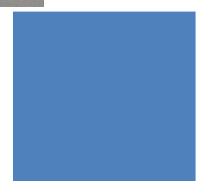
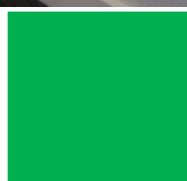
Many thanks,
Miss Curtis





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GRAFFIT ART WORKSHOP AFTER SCHOOL CLUB





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1st November 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

On Tuesday 16th November we will be holding Learning Review Day for all students at the Academy. It is important that all year 10 students attend, as obviously they will be doing their GCSEs and it is an important time for them.

Students will be at home for most of the day but will come to the Academy with you for a specific appointment with their Learning Guide. Each appointment will last for approx 30 minutes. During the meeting we will share information with you about your child's progress and attainment since the last Learning Review Day and give you feedback from their teachers. You will be given a summary report.

You will be given the opportunity to share your views about your child's progress and your child will make a brief presentation about their progress and Personal Learning Plan and their hopes and aspirations for the future. During the meeting the Learning Guide will work with you and your child to update the Personal Learning Plan outlining their strengths, the things they need to work on and any support that they need. Teachers will then use this information to help them to meet your child's needs.

In order for us to arrange a timetable for Learning Review Day please return the reply slip below indicating your first and second choice of time by **Friday 5th November**. The slip should be given in to your student's **Learning Guide**. It is very important that all parents/carers and students attend Learning Review Day.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Brown
Assistant Principal

Reply Slip Learning Review Day **(to be handed to Learning Guides)**

Student Name: _____ **Learning Guide:** _____

Please indicate your first and second choice of time for your Learning Review Day appointment on Tuesday **16th November** and we will then contact you with a specific time. Some parents may already have an agreed time which please indicate the agreed time. was set at Learning Re- view Day Zero -

Choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Second
8.30 am – 10.00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.00 am -12.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm				
5.00 pm – 6.30 pm				





Barnardo's at Oasis Children's Centre

DO YOU LIVE IN TEMPORARY OR PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMODATION?



Do you want?

**Reliable advice or support on housing, benefits or any other problems.
Forge new friendships & have good company in a warm and caring environ-
ment with friendly staff. With plenty of space for Play & Fun for you and
the children!**

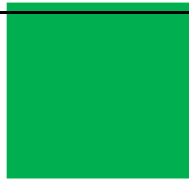


**If the answer to these questions is yes, then please see a member of staff
who will arrange for you to speak with a Barnardo's staff member here at**





Monday mornings	Tuesday mornings	Wednesday mornings	Thursday mornings	Friday mornings
<p>09.30 – 12.00 Community Room</p> <p>ETAPP PLAY PROJECT For families living in temporary accommodation</p> <p>10.00 – 12.00 noon Play Room</p> <p>STAY AND PLAY THE OASIS WAY! Includes our famous snack time! FEATURING UNDER 5'S STORY AND RHYME TIME WITH DAVID Interactive toys and musical instruments and</p> <p>OASIS ACADEMY LIBRARY SERVICE Visit our very own Oasis Academy library and borrow books and resources Please turn over for afternoon services</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.00 Community Room</p> <p>Health Visitor service First Time Parents Group incorporating Baby Massage</p> <p>Parents who join the group attend a series of five sessions that emphasize parenting skills, weaning, breastfeeding, sleep problems, and any issue that relates to first time parents and their babies.</p> <p>The course incorporates Baby Massage and helps increase confidence and skills in parenting.</p> <p>Please turn over for afternoon services</p>	<p>10.00 – 11.00am Play Room Pop In and Play! An opportunity for a shorter less structured play session. Free choice for you and your children to use the equipment and resources available. Bookings only see Marie for details</p> <p>----- 11 - 12.00 play room Community Workshops (see staff for details) Various services coming your way – please look out for special notices regarding these forthcoming services Domestic Violence Support Welfare Benefits Advice Healthy Eating Workshops Road Safety Events Dental advice/oral health; Jobsnet Training: cv writing, filling application forms and interview skills 4YP – health advice for young parents, etc etc All day service-community room COUNSELLING SERVICE Free, confidential service. See staff for details Please turn over for afternoon services</p>	<p>09.30 – 11.30am Play Room</p> <p>ENFIELD CHILDMINDING GROUP</p> <p>Featuring Under 5's story and rhyme time with Michelle!</p> <p>9.30 – 11.30 community room Well Baby Clinic Services include: baby /toddler weighing and checks Advice about feeding, nursing and caring for babies and toddlers. Information and advice for mothers and expectant mothers on health issues, immunisation, problems with feeding or sleeping, Or to chat about the progress of your child and to meet and chat with other mums and dads Please turn over for afternoon services</p>	<p>10.00 – 12.00 community room and play room</p> <p>Understanding and Managing Children's Behaviour (delivered by The Children's Centres' Therapeutic Team) ***with Crèche***</p> <p>Please turn over for details of afternoon services</p>





Monday afternoons	Tuesday afternoons	Wednesday afternoons	Thursday afternoons	Friday afternoons
<p>2.00 – 5.00 Community Room</p> <p>CHILDREN AND FAMILY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE</p> <p>Family support and drop in service.</p> <p>(</p> <p>See staff for details</p>	<p>2.00 – 3.00pm Pop In and Play!</p> <p>An opportunity for a shorter less structured play session. Free choice for you and your children to use the equipment and resources available. Bookings only</p> <p>see Marie for details</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Times: 3.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p>Room: Community Room</p> <p>STORY AND RHYME TIME WITH PAT</p> <p>Interactive story and play time</p> <p>Bookings only – see staff for details</p>	<p>Times: 1.30 – 3.00pm</p> <p>Room: Play Room</p> <p>HOMESTART PLAY-GROUP</p> <p>Providing practical and emotional support to families in Enfield.</p>	<p>2-4pm Play Room STAY AND PLAY THE OASIS WAY!</p> <p>Includes our famous snack time!</p> <p>-----</p> <p>---</p> <p>2-4pm Play Room Barnardos</p> <p>(drop in service for families in temporary accommodation)</p> <p>Reliable advice or support on housing, benefits or any other problems. Forge new friendships and have good company in a warm and caring environment. With plenty of space for play and fun for you and the children.</p>	<p>Please see staff for details of local surgeries for:</p> <p>Job Centre Plus</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Speech and language drop in sessions in Enfield</p> <p>Clinics and Health Visitor services in Enfield including 2 year development checks</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Please turn over for morning services</p>				





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Sponsor Sarah—a year 9 student’s mum (read her story below)

My wife, Sarah is a Practice Nurse working in the High Street Surgery in Cheshunt.

Sarah is planning to take part in a medical outreach programme with Camps International in November 2011 providing medical care and inoculations to people in rural Kenya and also helping to improve medical care for them in the future.

Sarah needs to raise £1,200 to pay for her place on the trip and is planning a number of sponsored events to raise money. Sarah’s website is <http://www.didymus.org.uk/kenya> and we have set up a PayPal account that parents / guardians and other people could use to make donations.

I’m sure you’ll agree that it’s a very worthwhile cause and a chance-in-a-lifetime for Sarah to put her exceptional medical skills to good use in an African community that desperately needs help. Sarah will shortly be committing herself to the project by paying a 10% deposit and once she has done this, should you require proof of her involvement, this will be readily available in the form of a letter from Camps International confirming her involvement.

Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.

Mr Didymus





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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 9 Educational Visits

During the course of the academic year all students within the Academy will have the opportunity to take part in 5 educational visits. There will be one visit per module. If you wish for your son/daughter to take part in these visits it is a legal requirement that we have your written consent.

The confirmed trip venues and dates for year 9 are:

6th December – Natural History Museum
11th May – London Dungeon
21st June – Sports Day

Further details of visits including transport arrangements will be published in the weekly student newsletters. This allows you the opportunity to withdraw your permission for a particular event nearer the time if you wish. If you choose to withdraw permission all that is required is a letter or a phone call to the academy to let us know that you are withdrawing consent for that particular educational trip.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to obtain your permission for your son/daughter to take part in the visits outlined above. In order for you give your permission please complete the return slip below, which should be handed into the academy reception.

Yours faithfully

Georgina Curtis
I/C KS3 Trips In and Out

I understand that, while those in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the children, they cannot, save for negligence, be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter arising during or out of the school visit.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 2010 and give permission for my son/daughter to take part in educational visits.

Student:

Learning Family

Parent signature





WANT TO DANCE?

Tuesday night is Dance night at Enfield County Lower School.

16+

Enfield Council's Sports Development Team will be delivering **ZUMBA** and **SALSA** sessions every week from 2nd November 2010

SALSA

ZUMBA is the new Dance craze bringing fun latin beats and dance moves to exercise.

Every Tuesday 6pm - 7pm Sports Hall
Cost: £31.50 for 7 weeks

CLASSIC SALSA sessions

Every Tuesday 7.15pm - 8.15pm Sports Hall
Cost: £31.50 for 7 weeks

street dance

A programme of six **STREET DANCE** Workshops led by C-12 Company.

free of charge

starting tuesday 9th november
until 14th december 2010

Enfield County Upper School, Dance Studio
Holly Walk, Enfield EN2 6QG

4.30-5.30pm

A Street Dance class open to the community, includes dance for fitness, tricks, short routines and exploration of the various styles within street dance (popping, locking, break dancing).

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

class open to all ages. This class is aimed at those with some dance experience focusing on physical/dance theatre and technical ability.

£18.00 for 6 sessions

starting tuesday 9th november
until 14th december 2010

Enfield County Upper School,
Dance Studio Holly Walk,
Enfield EN2 6QG

5.45-6.45pm

11+



To book your place or for more information please contact the Sports Bookings Team on 020 8379 3762 or sport@enfield.gov.uk

