

Date 07th May 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below my weekly update

Department for Education update;

I am sure you are all aware that there has been much speculation in the media at the moment about schools returning sometime soon. It may well be that we receive more information from The Prime Minister this Sunday, however, we cannot be certain. What I can say with certainty is please be assured that I will update you as soon as there is information to share and as always we are thinking very carefully about ensuring the safety of all our students and families.

Good news stories:

It has been wonderful to hear the amazing community work many of our staff, students and families have been doing during the lockdown. This week we delivered gifts donated by staff and students to residents at Barton Brook Care Home in Eccles following a plea on social media. A huge thank you to Mrs Hall who organised the packages to be delivered which were gratefully received. Mrs Hough has also been busy this week making lots of flags for the 75th anniversary of VE Day and has also posted some to her neighbours so they can decorate their gardens.

If you have any good news stories like those above that you would like to share we would love to hear them so please do let us know.

Responding to contact home

Our pastoral leaders have been busy contacting every student in the academy. Please can I ask that these welfare calls are answered or messages responded to as it is so important for us to check in with students and check that they are well and are accessing online lessons. They are just short calls that won't take up too much of your time and it is much appreciated.

Year 11:

A reminder from Mr Berry, Careers Leader to get in contact with him should you need any advice or information. There will be further support available over the coming weeks so please look out for information from Mr Berry via letter/Twitter and the academy website

Messages for local care homes

We have been asked by a local councillor to reach out to the students of our academy to help with a local project. Care homes have been hit particularly hard during the pandemic, and we are asking children to draw some pictures and messages of encouragement for the elderly. It is a wonderful project that will help us to keep connected to our community and let elderly residents know that we care. If you would like to take part in this wonderful project, please send a photograph of any pictures/messages to lizzy.wilding@oasismediacityuk.org.



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StarLine

A telephone line has been launched to support parents/carers during this period of home learning: <https://www.starline.org.uk>. We also understand that StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly discussion programme to explore aspects of parenting, education and home learning. Each episode will provide simple and engaging ideas for home learning. 'StarLive' will be broadcast live on YouTube every Wednesday morning at 8.30am and will finish before PE with Joe begins at 9am on the [StarLine YouTube channel!](#). The services is open 6 days a week; the number to call is 0330 3139162 and calls are charged at a local rate

IT Resources

As part of our on-going work to ensure our students are computer literate, we have signed up to 'IDEA'. The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as IDEA, is an international programme that helps students to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Students will complete a series of mini learning modules and earn credits towards awards. The modules are fun and interactive and cover a range of topics such as coding and online safety. As a school we will track each student's progress within these modules and successful completion will earn online badges alongside achievement points.

Please click the following link and sign up using your school e-mail address:
<https://idea.org.uk/x/OasisMediaCity>

Manchester City Council Libraries- free resources:

Manchester City Council libraries have opened up their resources allowing access to a wide selection of e-books and audiobooks. You simply have to follow the link below and sign-up https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/8380/manchesters_free_digital_library_open_247

VE Day:

Friday 8th May marks 75 years since Nazi Germany's formal surrender at the end of WW2 and coincides with the early may Bank Holiday to commemorate the anniversary. If you would like to know more about this important part of our history please see our Twitter page where you are also able to explore your ancestry for free. In addition, the link below takes you to Salford City Council's page explaining what is being done locally to celebrate VE Day.

As always my thoughts are with you and your family at this time and I do hope you are safe and well.

With kind regards

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