

08 June 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you are safe and well at this time, please find below my weekly update.

### Update on reopening for Year 10

Following my latest letter, the government announced plans for the phased return of Year 10 students. Whilst I have written to Year 10 parents separately and will be sending a further detailed letter tomorrow to Year parents, I wanted to update you on the plans that we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy MediaCityUK. The safety of students and their families, along with staff, is our number one priority and we have completed a series of detailed risk assessments which has enabled us to open the academy safely to a selection of Year 10 students on a rota basis. This is in addition to the provision already in place for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Year 10 students will be invited for one-to-one meetings with members of the leadership team in the first instance, and will then be invited into the academy on a rota basis to complete lessons with a teacher. Social distancing measures are in place and will be strictly adhered to in order to ensure children and staff are kept safe at all times.

Due to the new measures that staff need to be aware of, **online lessons will be cancelled on Friday 12 June** so that staff can attend appropriate training ahead of reopening. Normal online lessons continue to take place on every other day this week and from Monday 15 June as normal.

### Black Lives Matter

I am deeply saddened and horrified by the death of George Floyd in USA, which has sparked multiple protests all over the world. I'm sure his death and the protests that have followed will have raised many questions in your homes and also among our own families. I do believe that we, as educators, have a duty to reflect on our own practice and ensure that we are promoting awareness, acceptance, tolerance and equality. As an Oasis Academy, inclusion is at the heart of who we are and whilst I am proud of the work we have done in relation to tackling racism and prejudice there is still more to be done. As a community we can start by educating ourselves and thinking about what we are currently doing and what we could do better. Within the academy Mr Brandy as Diversity Champion will be leading a working party to look at further work we can do. Integral to this work will be meeting with our student trained Diversity Champions and I will share more on this in future correspondence. I also want to take this opportunity to reiterate that the academy does not tolerate racism of any kind and we are passionate about tackling discrimination. I know that many of our children and families will want to discuss this very important matter and we will be talking to students about it in assemblies this week. As a staff body we will be reflecting on the curriculum to ensure this reflects the experiences of all our students. If you would like to discuss this further with the academy please contact [info@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:info@oasismediacityuk.org).

### Online Learning

Please note that our online provision continues this week, students should follow week two of the timetable. I had the pleasure of entering a number of lessons last week and it really was wonderful to see the work students are completing.



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## Year 11 Update

Please see information below from Mr Berry regarding useful resources for students and parents. Please also note that Mr Berry can be contacted using Teams should any parent/student have any questions

- <https://gmacs.co.uk/> please have a look at the 'events' and 'GM Sectors' sections.
- Xello – Students will soon be provided with logins for this career planning site.
- Salford College are holding a virtual open event regarding apprenticeships on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Details are on the Year 11 Team chat.
- Useful resources for parents and students from Salford are hosted on the year 11 area of the Academy website.
- Please return the data sharing letters sent out during half term need if they haven't been already.

## Sumdog Competition

The academy is taking part in the national Sumdog maths competition which started on 05 June. Students taking part should now have access to games and activities to complete for prizes – go team MediaCity!

## Bake Off Competition

Mrs Hough has set a new baking competition for all of our budding bakers. The task is to create a cake that represents our school in some way. Ideas include recreating the logo, linking it to the Oasis 9 Habits, or even attempting to recreate the school building! All entries should be photographed and send to [sarah.parkes@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:sarah.parkes@oasismediacityuk.org) with a description of your design. Alternatively you can tag or Tweet it to us on our Instagram/Twitter accounts. I am looking forward to seeing the cakes.

## Hub Update

We are delighted that the MediaCityUK Church & Community Hub has a new leader, Hannah Miller. Hannah and the hub team are busy making sure all of the community events are back up and running as soon as possible. In the meantime, 'PlaySpace', the parent and toddler group, is going online with stories and easy-to-do art activities. All parents are welcome to join for a coffee and a chat. The next meeting is on Tuesday 09 June at 10:00 – for more information contact [Nathan.Reilly@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:Nathan.Reilly@oasismediacityuk.org).

As always please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions/concerns

Kind regards

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