



22 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As always I hope this letter finds you safe and well as we head towards the end of another very different half term. Below are a number of updates for you so please do take the time to read this letter and the attached links.

Department for Education update

As I have mentioned in previous correspondence the Government have asked secondary schools to 'offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 children'. We are currently in the planning phase at this stage with the ambition to provide this support to **Year 10** students in some form before the summer holidays. The logistics around the above need to be carefully planned and considered as I'm sure you can appreciate and we also await further guidance from the government. As soon as I have more details on this matter I will share this with you, I will also write to Year 10 parents separately after half term. For the latest Department for Education update please follow the link here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Online lesson update

I am pleased to inform you that after half term we will be increasing our online lesson provision. All year groups (Years 7-10) will receive three online lessons per day. Two lessons will be delivered by staff from Oasis MediaCityUK, for the third lesson your child will be directed to one of the external resources from partnerships we are affiliated to, for example, Oak Academy. We will also be using Idea.org for IT lessons. Please ensure you check the website for the updated timetable week beginning 01 June 2020. Further lessons on how to access external resources will be held week beginning 01 June 2020 for all students led by Mr McEvoy. Thank you for all your support in ensuring your child is accessing our online provision, please continue to encourage them to do so. If you have any questions about online lessons the academy website contains lots of information and useful links to help support our students.

Newsletter

I am also pleased to share with you that the Spring Newsletter is complete and ready to read online here: <https://bit.ly/3dTAXZQ>. This newsletter is particularly special as it has been compiled during the lockdown period by Ms Roy and members of the academy journalism club. As always, it is a pleasure to share with you all of the exciting events that have taken place this term and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have.



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Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme is 'kindness'. I am always so impressed with the kindness of both students and staff at the academy. I am very aware that we are living in a very stressful and uncertain time where our mental health can suffer and I wanted to share some fantastic resources here:

- 42nd Street have a list of ideas of how you can share some kindness this week: <https://bit.ly/2zly7YR>.
- [Information and resources for parents and carers](#) are available on the Salford City Council website, the page is regularly updated with the latest advice, guidance and tips.
- [GM Health & Social Care Partnership](#) webpages are regularly updated to include advice, information and resources to support and manage wellbeing
- [Salford Emotional Health Directory](#): providing an overview on the services available to support children and young people's emotional health and well-being
- The following [Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources](#) page on Salford City Council website has a lot of information, links and resources for anyone to use.

The students have also been set a kindness challenge during PSHE lessons – to carry out or reflect on an act of kindness. Students are encouraged to share their acts of kindness with Miss Fleming at helen.fleming@oasismediacityuk.org. All entries will receive a certificate and 10 achievement points! In addition to the resources above the academy website has a wealth of resources so please do take a look.

National Thank a Teacher Day

National 'Thank a Teacher' Day took place on Wednesday 20 May and I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude to all staff, whether they are teachers, pastoral leaders, support staff, admin staff, site staff, senior leaders and everyone who works at Oasis Academy MediaCityUK. Their hard work and dedication every single day continues to astound me and I hope you will agree that they have been fantastic during this uncertain time. If students would like to share a message of thanks to any of their teachers, please do share with us by sending messages to info@oasismediacityuk.org or Tweet us @OasisMediaCity.

Sumdog Challenge

The academy is taking part in a national Sumdog maths competition which is taking place between 05–11 June. The contest is open for students in years 7 & 8 and involves a series of maths games/activities which students can play throughout the week. There are prizes up for grabs and we want as many of our students at Oasis MediaCityUK to take part as possible. There will be an email sent to students on 01 June from Miss Jaidy so keep an eye out and sign up!

Water Safety

As we approach the summer and the weather improves I wanted to remind parents and students about the importance of water safety. I have recently been contacted about some incidents of



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unsafe behaviour around Salford Quays where young people have been seen jumping from bridges into the water. This poses concerns on a number of levels, firstly the safety of individuals involved, secondly this breaches the Public Space protection order which people can be fined for, and finally the breach of social distancing rules. I have been informed by Salford LA and the Police that enforcement action will be taken against those involved.

For more information about summer safety please see the Fire Service link from their 'Safe for Sumer' campaign.

<https://manchesterfire.gov.uk/staying-safe/safe4summer/water-safety/>

Eid

This weekend will see the end of Ramadan and so I would like to wish all our Muslim families a very joyful Eid.

Yours sincerely

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