

2nd September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome letter to parents and carers for the new academic year 2019-20

I hope your children and families have had a great summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming our students back to the academy for the start of the new academic year.

We are excited about welcoming our largest ever year 7 cohort into the academy community and delighted to be oversubscribed in this year group as our reputation has grown in local community as the secondary school of choice.

GCSE Examination Results 2019

The Class of 2019 had much to celebrate this summer as the academy continues to be one of the highest performing schools in Salford for pupil progress. Despite the more challenging nature of the new exams, I am pleased to report that our students performed well with over half of the cohort achieving a grade 4 pass in both English and maths. Attainment was particularly good in a number of subjects including vocational qualifications with many students achieving the highest grades available in this area.

We are also delighted that a number of students achieved the coveted grade 9 in a range of subjects, including Science, Product Design and languages. We are so proud of all our students who have achieved the qualifications they need to progress to further education, training or apprenticeships and ultimately a fulfilling career. I am enormously grateful to our dedicated and talented staff team for supporting and enabling our students to achieve so much.

Start of term – Wednesday 4th September 2019

Students will return to the academy on Wednesday 4th September. We have arranged a staggered start to ensure that our new year 7 students have the time they need for induction at the start of the day. Students will return to school as follows:

- 8.30am Year 7
- 9.40am Year 8 and 9
- 10.40am Year 10 and 11

Administration, parental consent and data collection

Please find enclosed a copy of the Home Academy Agreement and consent for trips, visits and photographs. I would be grateful if you could ensure they are completed and returned to the academy by **6th September**. A list of the key calendar dates for 2019-20 is enclosed with this letter.

Please note that all students will be photographed for identification and safeguarding purposes on **13th September**. It is very important that we receive consent from both students in years 8-11 and their parents and from all parents of year 7 students. Photographs will not be used for marketing or publicity purposes without explicit parental consent. Copies of the photographs will be available for purchase if requested.

Please find enclosed the data collection sheet indicating the contact details and health information the academy currently holds for your child. Please check this information carefully, indicate any amendments, and return to the academy by **6th September** to ensure our records are up to date and



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we are able to contact parents and carers quickly in the event of an emergency.

Uniform

All students are expected to return to the academy in full uniform. Uniform must be worn according to the academy uniform policy, but can I remind parents and carers of the following:

- Black blazer with academy badge is compulsory and must be worn at all times
- Black tailored trousers or black **pleated skirt** must be worn, skinny trousers and tight fitting skirts are not permitted
- Black flat-heeled shoes (no boots)
- Facial piercings, including tongue piercings, are forbidden.
- False/acrylic and painted nails are not permitted
- Only natural hair colours are acceptable, no tramlines or extreme hairstyles will be permitted. Headbands and bobbles should be black.

For more detail please see our uniform policy located on our website.

Attendance and punctuality

As you are aware, good attendance is the key to pupils achieving their potential. At Oasis Academy MediaCityUK, we are proud to have a good attendance record and strive to ensure that all our students reach the expected target of 96% attendance. Please can I remind parents that holidays are not permitted to be taken during term time and all absences must be reported following the academy procedure which can be located on our website. Additionally, students are expected to be at the academy on time every day at 8.30am. Lateness will result in a detention in the first instance.

Pastoral team - communication with parents

Please contact the relevant member of the Pastoral team regarding any matters regarding your child who will be happy to help:

Year 7	Ms Staley	Jackie.staley@oasismediacityuk.org
Year 8	Mr Bailey	Christopher.bailey@oasismediacityuk.org
Year 9	Ms Ogden	Suzanne.ogden@oasismediacityuk.org
Year 10 & 11	Ms Hall	Maria.hall@oasismediacityuk.org
Pastoral Administrator	Ms Gainsborough	Eleanor.gainsborough@oasismediacityuk.org
Deputy Principal	Mr Chambers	Gary.chambers@oasismediacityuk.org

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Greater Manchester Police. This is called Operation Encompass.

This means that if police are called out to a domestic abuse incident the school will be notified so that they can care for your child's needs the following day. Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.



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A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At Oasis Academy MediaCityUK our Key Adult is Alison Pears. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned. If you would like more information about this new initiative, details can be viewed online at www.operationencompass.org or you can contact our Key Adult on 0161 886 6512.

Scanner Wand

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety of all our students, we are introducing a 'hand-held scanning wand' procedure at Oasis Academy MediaCityUK.

As you are aware there is a growing knife crime culture within our cities, and although we have never had any issues with weapons, we are keen to ensure we always operate in a safe environment and that your children are safe. The wand will be used to scan students on an individual or random basis by the Academy Leadership Team or Safeguarding staff. This is an entirely non-intrusive procedure.

Open Evening

Parents and carers of pupils in year 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend our open evening on **Wednesday 18th September from 5pm to 7:30pm**. If parents and prospective parents would like the opportunity to visit the academy during the school day this can be arranged by contacting the academy office.

I hope you have found the information contained in this letter useful. I look forward to welcoming you to the academy this year and working with you to ensure we provide the very best quality of education for your child.

Yours sincerely

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