

Date: 23 December 2022

Parents/Carers

We at Oasis Media City hope that you and your family enjoy the Christmas break. For those celebrating, Happy Christmas and to everyone, Happy New Year. We want to write to give you some important updates on:

- Return to school arrangements
- Adaptations to our behaviour and rewards processes.
- Uniform expectations
- Keeping up-to-date with how your child is doing at school

Return to school arrangements

All students will return to school on **Thursday 5th January 2022** at **8.20**. We have a busy term ahead and we are excited about the new year. All students will resume their curriculum after the Christmas break as we continue to work towards end of year assessments. Year 11 will complete their final round of mock examinations as we prepare for the *real* GCSEs later on in the year. Please see the school website for more detail about what your child(ren) will be learning and information about term dates/events.

Adaptations to our Behaviour and Rewards Processes

Over the last six weeks we have been working hard to raise our expectations, we believe that having high expectations alongside the right support can lead to great success for our students. During this time we have consulted with students and staff to refine and improve our approaches and because of this we are happy to be able to share, that from January there will be some key changes.

Students have been updated about this via assemblies and will receive further information in January and staff have had training on how best to implement these. I hope that this information letter provides you with the appropriate detail about these changes. Some of the changes are new, others are adaptations and much is similar to what we have always done but it is important that everyone is clear on our approach.

Classroom Reward and Sanction

We believe that great learning is underpinned by excellent behaviour and as such we endeavour to celebrate success but also help students improve their behaviour when it is not meeting our expectations. Below provides a summary of the steps we take to ensure excellent behaviour and learning in classrooms.









Step	Reward	Sanction
1	Verbal positive praise	Chance - staff will remind student of expectations
2	Achievement point(s) given	Warning - staff will give final warning
3	Postcard given	Action - a 20 minute same day detention will be triggered - more detail below.
4	Whole school rewards i.e trip, vouchers, phone calls home etc.	Removal - student will be removed from class so that the class' learning is not further disrupted - More detail below.

Detentions

Detentions are an important aspect of improving behaviour, they reinforce the link between action and consequence but also give an opportunity for our students to catch up on missed work or reflect on their behaviour so that they can make better choices in the future. Detentions take place after school every day and are given if students receive an action (20 minutes). If a student receives multiple actions the length of their detention will increase, see table below:

Number of actions in a day	Duration of Detentions
1	20 minutes
2	40 minutes
3	60 minutes
4	This will be escalated to internal exclusion the next day.

A same day text notification will be sent out if your child receives a detention. If a student misses a detention this will be escalated to either an increased duration for a detention, internal exclusion for a day or a Principal's detention.









Uniform Expectations

Wearing our Uniform with Pride



Black blazer with Academy badge
White shirt (short or long sleeved)
Black footwear
Academy tie showing three stripes in length
Black tailored trousers or Black Skirt (no tight fitting skirts
or leggings and skirts must be knee length)
Backpack large enough for an iPad and P.E. kit
Basic equipment; pen, pencil and ruler
Correctly coloured lanyard appropriate to year group
Hair is natural colour/not shaven
One pair of small studs and a wrist watch

We want all of our students to wear their uniform with pride. Please see info on our expectations. We will support students with wearing this every day. Please can you do the same before they leave for school each day. If you need support with uniform please ask

Keeping Up-To-Date

Keeping up to date wuth how your child is doing is really important. To help you do this please check our school website on a regular basis as well as accessing our twitter page.

To see how you child is doing in relation to attendance please download the MCAS app, from here you can see information about:

- Attendance
- Behavoour
- Achievement

Those parents who use this app say it is the best way to know how well your child is doing in school.

The school is now closed for Christmas, if you need to contact the school urgently please email us on info@oasismediacityuk.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.









We understand that Christmas can be a difficult time for some families. The Spirit of Salford Helpline is still available for you to get help, support and advice on lots of different issues that you might be facing at the moment. The helpline number is **0800 952 1000**

Please have a restful break and we look forward to seeing your child in the new year for another great term at Oasis Media City.

Mr McEvoy

Principal





