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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome letter to parents and carers for the new academic year 2020-21

I hope you and your families are well and managed to have a restful and enjoyable summer. It has been a joy to welcome the students back this week and begin the academic year in this new 'normal' time we find ourselves in. As I have said in many letters previously, the most important factor is that we are back to school in as safe a manner as is possible and I want to begin my letter by thanking every member of our school community for their support with this.

In order to ensure you are fully up-to-date I will write to you weekly covering all areas of school life and any important information, please find below the first of these letters for this academic year:

Year 7

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our Year 7 parents and carers to the Oasis MediaCity family, as the largest year group to date it is wonderful to note that we are heavily over-subscribed being the school of choice within the local community.

We have been so impressed with how the students have conducted themselves this week and look forward to seeing them flourish this year

Year 11

I wanted to say a special well done this week to our Year 11 students, they have returned with an exemplary attitude to learning and shown great maturity and resilience. Mr Collins, Assistant Principal in charge of Year 11 will be in touch with parents over coming weeks to explain the additional support we will have in place this year to help students with their GCSE studies.

Sunday Times

Last week I had the pleasure of speaking to the Sunday Times about the reopening of schools and how excited our staff were to welcome students back. It was a very proud moment for our academy to see the article published with a wonderful photograph of Ms McMinn teaching Year 11, this served to remind me once again of what a fantastic team of teachers we have at the academy.

Hands, Face, Space

After an excellent start to the term you will no doubt be aware that we were advised to send our Year 8 students home on Thursday. As always the safety of all our students and staff remains my number one priority and I will keep you updated with any new guidance that I receive.



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To ensure Year 8 students continue with their learning we have an excellent online timetable in place using Microsoft Teams, a letter has been sent today from Mr McEvoy about this. Please also see the website for further details.

Cases always serve to remind us about the importance of following social distancing rules, washing hands regularly and wearing face coverings in public places. Following Hands, Face and Space advice all students have been issued with a colour coded academy mask for use when in school. This is a re-usable mask so please do wash it regularly and ensure you child has it with them every day.

Added to the above please note that if your child does have symptoms they **must not attend school**. For further information on this please see my letter dated 7th September 2020 which can be found on the website following News and Events/Letters Home

Dropping and collection students

The number of roadwork projects around the academy remains a concern and so do be aware of this when dropping and collecting students. A polite reminder also to parents not to park in the staff carpark or on the double yellow lines on King William Street. I appreciate that this makes drop offs difficult but the safety of all the community and safeguarding of all our students must come first. To emphasise this point we will be delivering road safety and awareness assemblies next week to all students.

Parent Pay

Please note that students are unable to bring money into the academy to pay for food. Students can purchase food and drinks at school via our cashless catering system. Parents/carers should now be using Parentpay to top up your child's on-line account.

If you have not already set up your account and require a user name and password, please contact the school office on 0161 8866500 or email info@oasismediacityuk.org.

Uniform

Students returned this week looking very smart indeed following the correct uniform policy and it was wonderful to praise so many young people. A minority of students however were in breach of this so can I please remind parents about our uniform rules below, your support with this is greatly appreciated.



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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. Headband and bobbles should be black

As we go through each week we will continue to review all our policies, risk assessments and procedures and I will continue to communicate with you regarding any important updates and changes so please do ensure all text messages/letters are read.

I look forward to working with you this year to ensure we provide the very best quality of education for your child.

Yours sincerely

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