

18th December 2020



Parent/Carer,

Well what a year it has been! It is hard to believe that we have completed a full term in the midst of the most challenging, global pandemic. I have often repeated this term my pride in our students and I would like to once again comment on the joy they have brought to the academy, we are incredibly proud of how they have dealt with the pandemic and met the expectations we have of them.

I would also like to extend my thanks to you all, your support of our vision is so important and I am very grateful to you all.

It gives me great pleasure today to send to you the latest edition of the academy newsletter which will provide you with a flavour of all the fantastic work that has been completed this term. A special thank you must go to Ms Roy who has co-ordinated the Newsletter alongside her teaching commitments and to all the students who have contributed. We have some very talented writers!

DfE announcement and start of term

Yesterday the Government announced that there will be a change to the start of term in January 2021 to allow for mass testing to take place. We are yet to receive the full details but at present Years 7-10 will remain at home and be taught remotely via Teams, Year 11 and all vulnerable or key worker students will be in the academy for face-to-face teaching. This late announcement unfortunately means I do not have more details to share at present but as soon as I do I will share this with you. I am in a series of meetings about this today and hope to have further information to you on Monday

Covid update

I am pleased to inform you that the number of positive cases confirmed to us has dropped this week, I am sure, however, that you are all aware of the increase of infections across the country. The Government therefore announced that Greater Manchester will remain in Tier 3 and so I wanted to ask for your help reminding your child of the need to remain vigilant, stay safe over the Christmas holiday and follow Hands, Face, and Space guidance. I have shared this message today with students reminding them that the higher the number of contacts they have over the holiday the more at risk of infection they become.

My letter sent on Monday confirmed the arrangements for reporting a positive case during the Christmas break, this can also be found on our website. In summary plans are as follows:

18th December – 23rd December

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 between 18th-23rd December please inform us by contacting 0161 886 6500 or email info@oasismediacityuk.org between 9am-12pm so that we can inform close contacts.



24th December – 3rd January 2021

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If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App.

We also require you to let us know by leaving a message by emailing info@oasismediacityuk.org

4th January – Staff INSET Day

From the 4th January you can contact us on 0161 886 6500 or email info@oasismediacityuk.org

Changes for next Term

We will continue with the robust risk assessment we have in place next year including the Bubble system. There are one or two changes to report below:

- Start of the school day – all students will now arrive to their allocated entrance from 8:15am to 8:25am to allow for a staggered start. Students will be issued with a late mark if they arrive after 8:35am
- I am pleased to tell you that the lunch menu has again been extended and students will now pay using the bio print system. Year 7 students will be shown how to use this on January 5th
- End of the school day – all students will now finish at 3:30pm Monday and Tuesdays and 2:30pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Again, students will leave via their separate allocate exit to ensure bubbles do not cross

Uniform

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

- The academy blazer 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 and must be removed before returning in January
- 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.



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Please also note that students must return with their mask which is a compulsory item. If students lose their mask they will need to purchase a new one from the academy, there will also be a charge for daily disposable masks.

Upcoming Events

Please find below a list of key dates for the upcoming terms:

Parents Evenings

Year 11 – Thursday 11th February 2021

Year 10 – Thursday 13th May 2021

Year 9 – Thursday 4th March 2021

Year 8 – Wednesday 31ST March 2021

Year 7 - Thursday 10th June 2021

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, carers and students a happy and restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

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